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THE END OF AN ERA: Beginning with this issue, the paper used for all VUD cover pages will be white. New postal regulations are the primary reason for the change. Problems with getting colored stock at press time also played a role in the decision. Additionally, there have been complaints that text was difficult to read on the colored stock. To minimize shipping damage, the cover paper for the VUD will continue to be of a heavier weight (thicker) than the inside pages. Our track record for mangled copies seems to be much better than that of our sister radio clubs, both of which use regular paper for their covers.

HEADQUARTERS? ... WE DON'T HAVE ONE! No one knows for sure when or how the trend got started, but for a long time many WTFDA members have referred to "Club Headquarters" in Buffalo. Sorry, there's no such place; unless you can stretch the definition of the word to include a mailbox. P.O. Box 514 is well established as our mailing address, but it's *NOT* headquarters. The club is not in the phone book, and you won't find a 34 story office tower in downtown Buffalo called "The WTFDA Headquarters Building". 'Headquarters' may sound impressive but it's a misnomer...in other words, *there ain't no such critter!*

AMAZING: Elsewhere in this issue you will find a report dealing with the club opinion survey published in the September 1995 VUD. Much to the astonishment of everyone, about 40% of our membership completed and returned the form. The extraordinarily high rate of response indicates that there is a great deal of interest in the VUD...and (perhaps more importantly) that apathy does not prevail. Thanks to all who participated.

UPCOMING: Next month...results of the balloting for our 1996 convention site. In April, the convention ball starts rolling again as we announce the opening of bids for the 1997 convention. Also in the works...the annual financial report.

HAPPY NEW YEAR: Your VUD column and feature editors, along with members of the Board of Directors wish you all the best in '96. The new year will bring about some operational changes for the club as we continue to keep pace with the times. As plans are formulated, you'll read all about it right here in "FROM THE STAFF".

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*** WTFDA Membership Survey Results ***

Thanks to everyone who took time to fill out the survey! A total of **131** surveys were returned. The results include all surveys received up to December 1, 1995. (Note: I did receive 5 more surveys by December 4, 1995 but I was unable to include them.)

The number in parentheses in front of each question indicates how many responses to that question on the survey were received. The percentages are based on this number.

(131) 1a. How many years have you been a member of WTFDA?

less than 2 years	13 (10%)	11 to 20 years	34 (26%)
2 to 5 years	27 (21%)	more than 20 years	26 (20%)
6 to 10 years	31 (24%)		

** The average response is about 11 years. Nice to see all age groups represented in the survey!

(130) 1b. What is your age?

under 30	9 (7%)	50 to 59	28 (22%)
30 to 39	41 (32%)	60 or over	8 (6%)
40 to 49	44 (34%)		

** The average response is about 43 years of age. One member is 83 years young!! Combined with 1a, this suggests that we haven't had many younger members join WTFDA recently.

(106) 2. How did you first find out about the WTFDA?

ad for the club in a magazine	33 (31%)
(Popular Communications: 10, Monitoring Times: 3)	
another radio club	24 (23%)
(NRC: 9, IRCA: 4)	
another DXer	24 (23%)
World Radio-TV Handbook	11 (10%)
FM Atlas	6 (6%)
TV Guide	3 (3%)
other	5 (5%)

(127) 3a. Compared to when you first joined, how often do you contribute to the VUD?

more often	15 (12%)
about the same	47 (37%)
less often	29 (23%)
I don't report	36 (28%)

** One foreign member wrote to say he didn't know he could report to the VUD. Everyone is welcome to contribute, and we hope you will. Let's make this the 1st-YOU-D!

(36) 3b. If you don't report, why?

no time / too busy / lazy	16 (44%)
little DX / poor location	6 (17%)
no equipment	4 (11%)
I don't DX	2 (6%)
other / no answer	8 (22%)

(131) 4. Please list which bands you actively DX:

TV	104 (79%)	Ham radio	14 (11%)
FM	89 (68%)	scanner frequencies	11 (8%)
AM	40 (31%)	BCB	5 (4%)
shortwave	16 (12%)	satellite	4 (3%)

(131) 5. Other than WTFDA, are you a member of any AM, FM, TV, ham shortwave, or other DX clubs? If so, please list:

NRC	39 (30%)	ODXA	4 (3%)
ARRL	16 (12%)	LWCA	4 (3%)
IRCA	15 (11%)	Decalcomania	4 (3%)
local Ham club(s)	11 (8%)	CIDXC	2 (2%)
NASWA	7 (5%)	10-10 Net	2 (2%)

*** Only clubs mentioned by 2 or more people are listed*

(131) 6. Do you subscribe to any other hobby-related publications? If so, please list:

Popular Communications	26 (20%)
Monitoring Times	25 (19%)
QST	12 (9%)
Communications Quarterly	5 (4%)
M Street Journal	5 (4%)
FMedia!	4 (3%)
Broadcasting and Cable	3 (2%)

*** Only publications mentioned by 3 or more people are listed.*

(131) 7. How often do you read the following VUD features?

The most read features are:

1. TV News	5. Non-technical articles/special reports
2. From The Staff	6. Eastern TV-DX
3. Photo-News	7. (tie) FM News
4. Technical articles/special reports	TV Time Tunnel

*** Every VUD feature was ranked as 'always read' by at least 25 members, so while your favorite may not be listed above, trust that there are many others who also enjoy the variety of subjects covered in the VUD!*

(76) 8. Please list any subjects not currently covered in a VUD column that you would like to see in a new column.

The top responses were:

1. equipment/antenna reviews, comparisons and information
2. technical topics
3. return of the CCI column
4. "how-to", such as modifying tuners
5. interviews of DXers
6. bandscans

(131) 9a. The WTFDA recently had a dues increase. Do you feel, given current dues, that you get your money's worth?

YES	123 (94%)	NO	8 (6%)
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(131) 9b. Will this increase affect your membership renewal?

YES	6 (5%)	NO	125 (95%)
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*** Some non-US members expressed concern over exchange rates.*

(131) 10. Have you ever attended a WTFDA convention?

YES	52 (40%)	NO	79 (60%)
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(131) 11. Do you have access to electronic mail?

YES	41 (31%)	NO	90 (69%)
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(131) 12. Would you like to see a membership list published?

YES	121 (92%)	NO	10 (8%)
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*** This is in the works for later this year.*

(131) 13. Have you experienced any problems with receiving your VUD?

YES	48 (37%)	NO	83 (63%)
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(48) If so, please explain:

Most often mentioned were:

damaged VUD (ex. torn cover)	21
mailing delays/late arrival	14
missed issues	8

14. What is your primary DX antenna for the following bands:

VHF-TV:	Channel Master	23 (1110 (6), 3610B (2), 3617B (2))
	Radio Shack	18 (VU-190 (2), VU-160 (2), VU-110(2))
	Winegard	8 (various models listed)
	Jerrold	3
UHF-TV:	Channel Master	24 (4251/7' dish (9), 4250/6' dish (3))
	Radio Shack	16 (VU-190 (2), VU-110 (2))

	Winegard	6 (various models listed)
	Antennacraft	5 (P-7 (3), P-5 (2))
	Finco	3 (7' dish (2))
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FM:	Channel Master	30 (Stereo Probe 9 (25))
	Radio Shack	15 (6-element (5))
	Winegard	4 (6065 (2))
	Jerrold	3 (QFM (2))

*** Model numbers are in parentheses to the right of each brand name, as are the number of people indicating they use that model. Remember that finances don't allow everyone to have top of the line equipment, so this may or may not be a list of the 'best' equipment for DX. I think a separate equipment survey would shed some light on this. Any takers?*

15. Do you use a TV and/or FM preamp? If yes, please give model:

TV:	Winegard	23 (PA4975 (3), AC4990(2))
	Radio Shack	15 (various models listed)
	Channel Master	11 (Spartan II (2), modified Titan (2))
	RDX Labs	11 (UA-900 (7))

FM: 15 said yes, but no one model was mentioned more than once!

16. Do you use an FM tuner? If yes, please give model:

The top vote receivers:

- 6: Carver TX-11, GE Superadio, Macintosh MR-7B, Onkyo T-9090
- 3: Carver TX-11A
- 2: Akai ATV04, ICOM R-7000, Pioneer TX-9100, Pioneer TX-7500, Realistic DX440

Top brands:

Carver	11	Macintosh	6
Pioneer	8	Realistic	6
Yamaha	7	Sony	6
GE	6		

17. Additional comments or suggestions: (selected responses, listed in no particular order)

"I would like to see a section or column where readers' questions or technical or other problems can be addressed for all to see" / "Can WTFDA reimburse the editor to get submitted photos professionally screened so that they will look better in print?" / "...would like to see the reporter's equipment listed more consistently, i.e. with every report." / "Would like to see VUD arrive between the 1st and 5th of each month. Would like return of column for unIDs"

"The reprint service operated by Tim McVey is not mentioned much in VUD, but the information available is a treasure for the DXer. The new openness at WTFDA is welcome. All WTFDA volunteers deserve a big round of applause!" / "If this club has any (logging) rules, they are seldom published, and are so vague, why have a stats column at all? Nothing but a waste of time for sure!!" / "I wish I could report (on internet), or alternatively, if I could report to someone who has internet" / "I'd probably enjoy the DX columns more if the endless RELOGS were omitted." / "Didn't I read in an issue quite a while back (kind of a side-note) that there is or was an amateur HF

frequency for TV-FM DXers? I assume this would be an informal meeting place to communicate about openings? Could this frequency and information be listed in future issues if it does in fact still exist."

"On the membership list could you list ham call signs and packet addresses? ... Also needed is how to fight expansion of one station in the public bands to 25% of available frequencies." / "Doug Smith, Tom Bryant, Greg Coniglio, Stephen West and everyone else do an amazing job! Thanks!" / "I'd like to see more on digital TV and what that will mean to us, also a few articles on basic reception techniques." / "\$24 is steep. Do we need all those winter VUD's? If going to 10 issues/year would save money, I'd be for it (replace Feb.+Mar. with a "winter" issue)." / "Would like to know if there is an amateur radio WTFDA net on the air? If not, I would be willing to help start one." / "I feel on lengthy pages of copy, pages should be broken up some, using clip art to keep info readable and make for less eye fatigue." / "At the end of the year I would like to see a balance sheet printed in the VUD for 1995 showing expenditures and receipts in detail (no "cooked" figures please) to justify recent and previous rate increases. With all the free editors contributing to the VUD I find the subscription rates too high and would like to know where all the money goes and justification for it."

"More articles such as Robert Cooper's EXCELLENT article on UHF development. Also, more antenna articles." / "I would like to see cities listed after all loggings." / "Please add more technical articles" / "More emphasis on -and use of- geographical coordinates" / "How about an article on logging procedures. I'd like to start keeping real logs, but want to do it right." / "Try to keep dues under control...rates getting too high to attract new subscriptions." / "No more dues increases for awhile guys" / "VUD would be nicer, more useful, if it came out every two weeks (or better yet, weekly) during the VHF-UHF DX season from May to early September."

"When an article is put in there's no address (one had a good idea...but (I) couldn't contact him about it or give info)." / "One 'problem' with this club is that it's hard for members to be in contact with each other; it's also hard to recruit new members since we meet only once a year. The membership list AND list of e-mail addresses MUST be published, to encourage people to get together." / "Devote more of each issue to member forums." / "Would like to see expanded Photo-News section. Would like to see updates in rules on what counts on totals." / "List club officers every issue of VUD." / "Since so many DXers are simply guessing at catches, the Statistics column doesn't mean anything anymore. In my opinion it should be terminated." / "I would like to encourage "group" DXing side meetings... they give interesting results from more than one head." / "I don't like the current reporting format for the Western TV-DX column. I can't make sense out of it." / "What about advertising?? I would be interested in commercially advertising my firm's services to this select audience." / "In DX reports all sections by channel or frequency instead of date. Also too many footnotes. Put them in the main listings."

"Would like to see receiver reviews and more technical articles on antennas as well as receivers." / "Western TV DX has such small print... DXers should have to provide photos or tapes of real proof that they saw and heard everything they claim!" / "I enjoy the historical articles the most. I've even used them as a reference while answering student questions." / "The digest would be a bargain at \$36 per year!!!" / "I think that the TV DX columns also should include the cities of license for the TV stations, and the city of license should be counted, and not the transmitter site, since the signal actually originates at the studio location." / "Show photo copies of QSLs plus QSL information." / "Would like to see subjects on stations: hours, schedules, special FM tests for low power stations not normally on 24 hours or Monday mornings. With the WTFDA being a fairly large and spread out geographically club, I would like to see the VUD with different issues for 2 or 3 different areas. Have more than one convention or have a main one and one or two mini regional conventions."

Thanks again to all of you who took time to fill out the survey. The information you have provided is of great importance; with this we can make the VUD even better! Until next time.....73s Matt

WTEA SPECIAL REPORT

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• 1995 FM E-skip summary •

Reports are taken from the Northern and Southern FM DX columns up to the December 95 VUD. "All-time" records refer to the period 1981-1995, as that is as far back as my records go, as I do not have any access to earlier VUDs. Special thanks to Doug Smith for assistance compiling this summary! @ = new all-time record

THE TOP 20 OPENINGS OF 1995:

DATE	TOTAL	#rep	avg	MUF	high	TV-rank
1. July 1	212	23	30.96	ch.7	109	1
2. July 18	241	16	15.06	117.4	51	3
3. July 19	313	17	18.41	114.0	49	2
4. July 21	239	17	14.06	107.1	28	5
5. June 6	193	15	12.87	107.7	30	13
6. July 5	137	15	9.13	106.7	28	7
7. June 14	128	12	10.67	107.3	40	10
8. July 11	120	11	10.91	107.9	33	19
9. July 25	107	12	8.92	105.3	35	9
10. August 3	99	5	19.8	107.5	58	*
11. June 7	96	7	13.71	gh.12	32	17
12. June 27	92	9	10.22	107.9	22	6
13. May 20	90	10	9.0	107.9	21	*
14. July 9	86	12	7.7	105.9	20	*
15. June 3	83	5	16.6	107.1	29	8
16. May 16	78	3	26.0	107.3	51	*
17. June 21	78	9	8.47	102.5	16	16
18. July 3	74	8	9.25	105.9	21	*
19. May 22	63	7	9.0	107.1	39	15
20. June 19	54	10	5.4	115.2	16	4

SKIP RESULTS BY MONTH:

MONTH	TOT	#days	avg	avg MUF	rank
FEBRUARY	7	4	1.75	94.0	*
MARCH	2	1	2.0	92.5	6th
MAY	406	16	25.38	101.10	10th
JUNE	891	21	42.43	105.18	12th
JULY	2249@	23	97.78	105.90	1st
AUGUST	143	5	28.6	98.74	8th
SEPT.	0	0	0	0	15th
OCTOBER	14	1	14.0	107.7	*

1995 TOTAL-SEASON RANK: 8th

(rank is for seasons 1981 to 1995. No ranks compiled outside April-Sept. at this time)

1995 TOTAL: 3746 74 days avg of 50.62 loggings per opening Average MUF = 104.00
1994 stats: 8567@ 84 days avg of 101.99@ loggings per opening Average MUF = 106.26
1993 stats: 2688 55 days avg of 48.87 loggings per opening Average MUF = 101.43

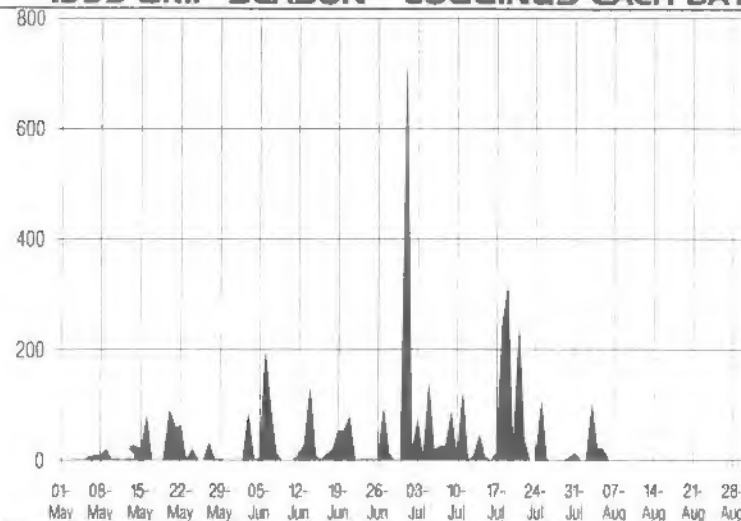
KEY (top 20 list):

TOTAL - total number of FM loggings reported on that day
#rep - number of DXers that reported hearing FM skip that day
avg - average number of FM loggings per DXer that day (TOTAL ÷ #rep)
MUF - maximum useable frequency noted on that day
high - most FM loggings reported by an individual DXer on that day
TV rank - the ranking of this skip day in Doug Smith's 1995 TV E-skip report

KEY (breakdown by month):

TOT - total number of FM loggings reported during that month
days - number of days that month that FM loggings were reported
avg - the average number of FM loggings per DXer per day during that month
avg MUF - the average maximum useable frequency noted for skip openings during that month
rank - how this month in 1995 compared to the 'all-time records' (1981-1995)

1995 SKIP SEASON - LOGGINGS EACH DAY



MAJOR OPENING (200 loggings): 4 openings (July 1st, 18th, 19th & 21st)
OUTSTANDING OPENING (400 loggings): 1 opening (July 1st)
CLASSIC OPENING (600 loggings): 1 opening (July 1st)

BREAKDOWN BY MUF (maximum useable frequency)

MUF noted	#openings this high	percent of season	APR	MAY	JUNE	JUL	AUG	SEP
up to 108 Mhz+	4	5.40%	0	0	1	1	0	0
up to 107.9 Mhz	11	14.86%	0	2	2	5	0	0
up to 105.1 Mhz	31	41.89%	0	8	8	13	2	0
up to 100.1 Mhz	42	56.76%	0	9	14	15	3	0
up to 98.5 Mhz	46	62.16%	0	9	15	16	3	0
up to 96.1 Mhz	51	68.92%	0	10	15	19	3	0
up to 92.1 Mhz	58	78.38%	1	15	17	20	4	0
up to 88.1 Mhz	74	100.00%	1	16	21	23	5	0

Totals don't add up because of 2 openings w/unknown MUF, and Jan, Feb, and Oct. openings

A look back on previous E-skip seasons...

YEAR	TOTAL	#days	aver	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep
1995	3746	74	50.62	2	406	891	2249	143	0
1994	8567	84	101.99	227	1454	5158	1574	153	1
1993	2688	55	48.87	0	57	1762	809	46	11
1992	2674	44	48.61	0	840	1523	140	99	0
1991	4003	78	51.32	0	483	1064	1929	356	10
1990	4980	68	73.24	0	2019	1603	1258	74	13
1989	3848	74	52.00	1	581	550	2031	531	0
1988	1965	67	29.33	0	357	1186	307	33	0
1987	4922	82	60.02	59	209	2661	1686	300	0
1986	2951	73	40.42	21	802	978	469	573	18
1985	1786	64	27.91	0	170	842	614	11	66
1984	1639	87	18.84	40	550	515	332	72	11
1983	3856	76	50.74	0	373	1525	1714	112	0
1982	4333	74	57.77	20	425	2038	1508	334	0
1981	3366	59	57.05	1	424	1085	1625	228	0
TOTAL	55324	1059	52.24	369	9150	23381	18245	3065	130

Back to reality, after last year's season! This season may have seemed very bad, in comparison to the amazing totals from 1994, but it was actually better described as a mediocre season, right in the middle of the pack at 8th out of 15. It could have been much worse, as May & June were very sub-par, starting the summer out on the road to disaster. July salvaged the 1995 season, by giving us the best July skip month on record! The highlight of July was clearly the first day of that month. With 712 loggings, July 1st was more than twice as big as any other 1995 opening, and also the third biggest skip opening of all-time, behind 6/11/86, and 6/29/87. That day alone had 75% more loggings as the whole month of May, and nearly as many loggings as all of June, the usual hot skip month.

1995 TV E-skip Report

Monthly report:

Month:	Loggings:	Es days:	Avg:
December	40	8	5.00
January	20	7	2.86
February	19	6	3.17
March	none		
April	9	5	1.80
May	348	28	12.43
June	1146	30	38.20
July	1447	30	48.23
August	264	20	13.20
September	14	6	2.33
October	31	8	3.88
November	53	12	4.42
Summary	3391	160	21.19
Improvement vs. 1994	50.51	35.59	11.02

Total loggings are all IDd Es signals reported to ETV or WTV. Es days are all days on which at least one DXer reported skip, IDd or not. Average is the average number of stations IDd (by all DXers) per day.

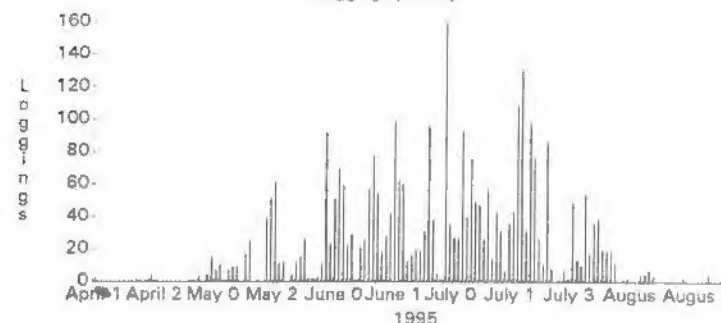
Best days:

	Date:	Total:	Rptrs:	MUF:	Avg:	FM Rank:
1	July 01	160	23	7	6.96	1
2	July 19	131	16	114	8.19	
3	July 18	109	20	117.4	5.45	2
4	June 19	99	13	115.2	7.62	19
5	July 21	98	16	101.1	6.13	3
6	June 27	96	20	88	4.80	11
7	July 05	93	18	98.7	5.17	5
8	June 03	92	20	6	4.60	14
9	July 25	86	15	6	5.73	8
10	June 14	78	18	93.9	4.33	6
11	July 22	77	18	117.3	4.28	
12	July 07	76	18	6	4.22	
13	June 06	70	22	94.9	3.18	4
14	June 20	63	12	5	5.25	20
15	May 22	62	17	6	3.65	18
16	June 21	60	14	6	4.29	16
17	June 07	59	14	12	4.21	10
18	June 13	57	16	5	3.56	
19	July 11	57	17	98.7	3.35	7
20	June 15	54	14	6	3.86	

Total: Count of all IDd Es loggings reported this date.
 Rptrs: Count of all DXers reporting at least one Es logging this date.
 Avg: Average number of loggings per DXer on this date.
 MUF: Maximum usable frequency reported.
 FM Rank: Ranking of this date in Greg Coniglio's FM Es report.

1995 TV E-skip Report contd.

1995 TV Skip
Loggings per day



In terms of quantity, 1995 wasn't that good of a year at my location. Obviously, it was better elsewhere! There was a 50% increase in loggings, and there were 42 more skip days than in 1994. And in 1995, there was only one skip-free month. (March) As in 1994, skip was reported every day in June - but in 1995, there were only two skip-free days in May, and only one in July. Skip was reported every day from May 20 to July 26!

High-band skip was reported on two days, June 7 and July 1. This year, two DXers were able to identify high-band skip - both saw CIPA-9 from Alberta. Otherwise, the MUFs look relatively low. My guess is this means people were abandoning their TVs when the MUF reached FM - keeping some of the better days off the TV chart.

July 1 was my best day of skip ever, and the statistics show other DXers shared in the bounty. At my location, the opening lasted nearly 12 hours. All parts of North America were in this opening at some time. Caribbean stations were also heard here in Tennessee, and I contacted a Costa Rican amateur on 50MHz.

The pest list don't show any major surprises. WTVJ-4 might have shown better if not for the call/channel swap with WCIX-6 which took place in 1995. (I think several loggings of this station were credited to WFOR-4 or WTVJ-6)

The worst pests in 1995:

WPBT-2	(126 loggings)	KTWO-2	(36)
WESH-2	(108)	WTVJ-4	(36)
WEDU-3	(86)	KTVK-3	(33)
KNAZ-2	(80)	WUND-2	(33)
KPRC-2	(60)	KIIT-3	(31)
WCBD-2	(59)	WMAR-2	(30)
KENW-3	(57)	KOTA-3	(30)
KMID-2	(45)	XEFB-2	(28)
KWGN-2	(40)	XHBC-3	(27)
KGAN-2	(37)	KDKA-2	(27)

Good luck in 1996!

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Abbreviations used in this column:
ERP= Effective Radiated Power in kW
HAAT=Height Above Avg. Terrain
nc= no change
TL= Tower Location
CP= Construction Permit
Pr= Province (of Canada)
*= Non-commercial
CRTC=Canadian Radio-Television Commission
DBS= Direct Broadcast Sat.
SS= Spanish language
LPRT=Low Power Relay Transmitter (Canada)
TBD= To Be Determined

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW TV STATIONS

St Ch ERP HAAT City
IA 44 1470 264 Sioux City
IA 44 2000 387 Sioux City
(TL: Co. Rd. K-42, 8km E of James)
KS 36 2591 378 Hutchinson
(religious st.; TL 4th St. Extended, 1/2mi. NE of KWCH-12 tower)
KS 36 1590 375 Hutchinson
(TL: corner of W. 125th St. N and N. 247th St. W near Patterson)
NE 45 5000 456 Lincoln
(TL: 3.86km N of I-80, Tamora)
NE 45 5000 598 Lincoln
(TL: 2.8km S of junction of I-80 and CANW Railroad, 16km SW of Seward)
NY 61 545 441 Saranac Lake
(TL: Mt. Morris, 7km SW of Tupper Lake)
NY 61 1000 441 Saranac Lake
(TL: same as above)
OK 19 2000 400 Muskogee
(TL: SE corner of roads N4030 and E0860 near Natura.)
UT 24 1170 1197 Ogden
(TL: Farnsworth Peak, the Salt Lake antenna farm)

Applications for 7 new religious TV stations in Canada have been denied. The cities involved were Edmonton, Winnipeg, Vancouver, Saskatoon, and Steinbach, Manitoba.

APPLICATIONS TO CHANGE EXISTING STATIONS

St Ch ERP HAAT Call City
BC 13 .016 nc CKRS Burns Lake
(15.8 watts; was 10 watts)
BC 13 .300 nc CBCB-TV-2
Ft. Fraser
(was 39.8 watts on ch. 6)
ID 9 161 805 KHDY Caldwell
(was 155kW/821m)
TX 36 5000 nc KCAN Austin
(was 2000kW)
VI 8 nc 292 WSVI St. Croix
(was 347m. Seems to be a city-of-license change too; past records show this station licensed to Christiansted.)

CHANGES GRANTED TO EXISTING STATIONS

St Ch ERP HAAT Call City
BC 8 .01 nc CH2450 Burton
(was 5 watts on channel 12. Relays CHAN-8 Vancouver.)
FL 8 5.83 33 WFTD Key West
(TL: 24°34'19"N/81°44'25"W)
(7 McDonald Ave., Key West)
(was 316kW/144m from a site about 15km NNE)
LA 45 2982 507 KSRV Shreveport
(TL: 32°40'00"N/93°56'02"W)
(St. John Rd., Mockingsport, in the Shreveport tower farm NW of the city)
(was 1660kW/159m)
QU 7 3.2 nc CBMYT Magdalen Is.
QU 12 3.9 nc CBIMT Magdalen Is.
(were 2.9 and 2.8kW respectively)
SD 11 25 192 KELO Sioux Falls
(TL: 43°30'11"N/96°34'38"W)
(but see Other Stuff)

CHANGES GRANTED TO CONSTRUCTION PERMITS

St Ch ERP HAAT Call City
FL 53 1343 282 WGFL High Springs
(TL: 29°37'48"N/82°34'24"W)
(3.7km SE of Newberry)
(was 1480kW/262m)

CALL LETTER CHANGES

Was Now City, state
WEVU-26 WZVN-26 Naples, FL
W25BM WYGN-LP Berrien Spgs., MI
WTZA-62 WRNN-62 Kingston, NY

WZVN stands for "Seven", the station's cable dial position. This station only mentions channel 7 on the air.

NETWORK CHANGES

Station	Was	Now
WNAL-44 Gadsden	Fox	ABC/WB
WAAV-31 Huntsville	ABC	ABC/Upn
WPMI-15 Mobile	Fox	NBC
WCFT-33 Tuscaloosa	CBS	ABC/Upn
K32ED Ft. Smith	new	Upn
K36EA Fayetteville	new	Upn
KSTV-57 Ventura	Gala	Wb
WMBB-13 Panama City	ABC	ABC/Upn
WXTX-54 Columbus, GA	Fox	Fox/Upn
W58BT South Bend	ABC	ABC/Upn
W69BT South Bend	ABC	ABC/Upn
K69HD Church Pt LA	new	Upn/Wb
K46DG Lafayette LA	new	Upn/Wb
K62DW Lafayette LA	new	Upn/Wb
K55HA New Iberia	new	Upn/Wb
KASY-50 Albuquerque	new	Upn/Wb
KRQE-13 Albuquerque	CBS/Upn	CBS
KRXI-11 Reno	new	Fox
KAME-21 Reno	Fox/Upn	Upn
WICZ-40 Binghamton	NBC	Fox
WLYH-15 Lancaster PA	CBS	Upn
KFNB-20 Casper	ABC/Fox	add Upn
KFNR-11 Rawlins	ABC/Fox	add Upn
KFNE-10 Riverton	ABC/Fox	add Upn

The WICZ change is effective April 4. WNAL and WCFT change in early 1996 when WBRC-6 goes Fox. WCFT has already added Upn, and WNAL has already added Wb. In New Mexico, the KRQE change only affects that station. Its satellites KREZ-6 and KBTM-10 continue to carry Upn.

K32ED and K36EA simulcast, and call themselves "KFDF". And all four Louisiana LPTVs also simulcast; their "fake calls" are KLAFA.

The Toledo network swap has now happened - WTVG-13 from NBC to ABC, WNWQ-24 from ABC to NBC. In Reno, KRXI-11 is not yet on the air but is expected to sign on in January, at which time these network changes take place. Greg's friend Chip says KRXI and KAME have some kind of LMA arrangement with KTVU-2 Oakland/San Francisco.

NEW STATIONS ON THE AIR

Albuquerque, NM: KASY-50z:
1420kW/1275m; 35°12'40"/106°26'57"
Sandia Crest, the Albuquerque antenna farm. LMA'd to KRQE-13; Upn and WB affiliate. Reported by a friend of Greg Coniglio's in Texas.

Nashville, TN: WNAB-58z:
3980kW/240m; 35°55'20"/86°42'46"
about midway between Nolensville and Clovercroft in northeast Williamson Co., about 20km S of downtown Nashville. WB affiliate; signed on November 11. Also airs lots of MOR Music Video.

CHANGES ON THE AIR

Ch	Call	Location	VUD issue
7	WBBJ	Jackson, TN	?
9	KIXE	Redding, CA	?
13	WPRV	Fajardo, PR	?
23	KBSI	C. Girardeau MO	2/95
44	WGVP	Valdosta, GA	8/95
55	WBNX	Akron, OH	?

OTHER STUFF

It doesn't say so, but I'm almost certain the power reduction for KELO-11 Sioux Falls is actually for an auxiliary backup transmitter.

The WTZA=>WRNN call change accompanies a programming change. WRNN stands for "Regional News Network"; the station airs an all-news format similar to KNWS-51 in Houston. Speaking of KNWS-51... I spent a night in Houston on vacation in mid-December and had an opportunity to watch this unique station. As advertised, KNWS is a mix of All News Channel, local news, and the occasional infomercial.

And while we're on the subject of Texas... First, I also spent a night in San Antonio and saw the all-traffic LPTV on channel 54 there. It looks like their cameras don't handle low light very well - at night, the "TransGuide(tm) LPTV Test" ID was over a black screen. Daytime, the camera shots were pretty good - to the point they delayed my departure a half-hour to avoid some problems!

Secondly... I think I've seen my first pirate TV station. Spent a night on South Padre Island. (which, incidentally, is a beautiful place I'll definitely be visiting again!) While there, noted a pretty good signal with ESPN on channel 12. Normally, I'd consider this a cable leak. But no other VHF signals (not even locals XHRIQ-2/KGBT-4/KRGV-5/XHAB-7/XERV-9/XHER-11) could sync-lock the TV, and there weren't even sync bars on channels 3/6/8/10/13. So it appears that for some reason, someone is relaying ESPN there on channel 12. No local ads or IDs were seen. There is no license or CP for channel 12 anywhere near South Padre.

The WLYH network change ends an unusual situation, dating to the early days of UHF and created by the poor coverage of early UHF stations. For many years, the Harrisburg-Lancaster-York market had three CBS

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affiliates - WHP-21, WLYH-15, and WSBA-43. For much of this period, because of low power and "wimpy" UHF tuners, the three stations had no overlaps in coverage. But TVs improved, and all three stations improved their coverage. In the mid-1980's, WSBA "blinked" first and became Fox affiliate WPMT ("Pennsylvania's Movie Time"). Now, WLYH has been LMAD to WHP and switched to UPN, ending the multiple-affiliates situation.

FORUM

Karl Zuk, Croton-on-Hudson NY:

Karl has some LPTV notes from his location north of New York City.. Specifically:

W17BM NYC - now on air with The Box until 10:30am weekdays, then "KTV" Korean Television. Transmitter is on the Empire State Building.

W23BA East Orange, NJ - The Box 24 hours.

WXNY-LP-39 Long Island City - has just moved from 3rd Ave. and 91st St. on Manhattan to the Citicorp Building in Long Island City. This was formerly W38AM. Programming is ethnic and watch-card readers, and is simulcast on W54AY Brownsville (Brooklyn), W44AI Hicksville (Long Island), and W38CH Amityville.

W64AA NYC - now on as a WPIX-11 translator.

W64AA and W17BM have interesting ancestries. Quoting Karl, "About 20 years ago every VHF and UHF station in Manhattan had a UHF twin. The idea was to beat the ghosting created by the new World Trade Center. All were eventually turned off - but the licenses were still held. Ch. 11's original translator was on channel 71 (maybe) and had to abandon it when the band condensed down to Ch. 69 - they were then assigned Ch. 17 - directional north. They have just given up Ch. 17 so the Korean W17BM could happen, and they have transferred the ownership of Ch. 64 from WNYW to WPIX."

I remember reading about these translators in a 1973 copy of Broadcasting Magazine. My current database lists four LPTV / translators in NYC, all four of which I'm pretty sure date back to the early 1970s. I list W17BM and a W73AP as owned by WPIX-11; W64AA as owned by WNYW-5 (and now transferred to WPIX-

11); and a W53AA which carries Asian programming. If my memory serves me properly, the Asian group bought W53AA from WCBS-2.

Karl also has information about new all-news station WRNN-62 Kingston. The slogan is "Regional News Network", and programming is half-hour blocks of either local news or infomercials. (again, very similar to KNWS-51's fare). There's some half-hour local talk programs during the evenings, and Rush Limbaugh's TV show is carried weeknights at 9:30.

Dennis Park Smith, Santa Barbara CA:

Dennis asks an interesting question. "As for its progression of call letters, I wonder what will happen when the FCC gets to 'K13ZZ'? What then, after that? Maybe they will fill in expired / deleted calls; there are plenty of those."

Good question; I'm not aware of any FCC policy on that. Dennis is right, there are plenty of expired & deleted LPTV/translator calls.

William Draeb, Kewaunee WI:

Bill notes one of the advantages of the Fox Surprise.. WLUK-11 now has a regular dark period. He hasn't noted what time they sign off, but they return with a test pattern at 04:50, then with CNN Headline News at 05:00. WFRV-5 has followed suit, signing off most nights but airing test patterns other nights. WBAY-2 still operates all night, except on weekends.

Bill also inquires about new CPs for channel 4 at Crandon and 34 at Eagle River. I've nothing beyond what you read in the column. He wonders if the channel 4 site might be on Sugarbush Hill, the second highest point in Wisconsin. (I thought Rib Mountain was the second highest point!) I don't know. Bill also isn't yet seeing the wireless-cable systems from Traverse City, Petoskey, or Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan.

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KEY:

&: satellite programming
AF: new freq. allocation accepted for filing for a new FM license
CC: call change/new calls assigned
CL: city of license change granted
CO: new xmr co-ordinates
CX: a CP has expired, and is cancelled
C1,C2, etc. change in class status
DA: directional antenna
DE: calls deleted, license returned to FCC
FC: station format change

GA: granted amendment to table of FM allocations
GE: station was granted extension of a CP
GX: granted replacement of expired CP
LC: filed for license to cover (for new stn)
MC: multiple-city legal ID
NC: no change yet, on a reported pending grant/change.
ND: non-directional
NO: station is not on the air
NS: a new station granted a license
OSA: one-step application
NW: new station signs on the air
PA: proposed amendment to change table of allocations
PG: a power change (increase)

PC: a power change (decrease)
PG: power change granted (increase)
PG: power change granted (decrease)
QC: frequency change for this station
QG: frequency change granted
RA: station returns to the air
RE: station requests extension of a CP
RX: station requests re-instatement of an expired CP
SG: slogan change or update
SI: station is silent
XA: dismissed amendment to the table of FM allocations
XC: station changes xmr site
XG: station granted a transmitter (xmr) site change



UNITED STATES

ALABAMA:

Brantley: WAOQ100.3 CC(NS)
Columbia: *NS 92.1 2550w, 499'
Cordova: WFFN 95.3 PC> 5 kW, 354 ft, DA XC 33-46-11/87-12-06
Cullman: WKUL 92.1 PC> 6 kW, 328 ft XC 34-11-41/86-43-52
Meridianville: WXQW94.1 CC (ex WDJU)
Orange Bch: WXXH105.7 NO-GE (4th)
Sylacauga: WAWV 98.3 PC< 5 kW, 266 ft.
Tuskegee: WACO 99.9 adds SMN Oldies (&)
Warrior: WLBI 98.7 FC to smooth jazz "Lite 98"

ALASKA:

Barrow: KBRW 91.9 890w, 72 ft., CC (NS)

ARIZONA:

Clifton: KWRQ102.1 FC to SMN Classic Rock (&)
Nogales: KNQG 91.1 NW, spanish religion
Parker: KVEZ 99.3 NC to 10 kW, 941 ft, RE
Window Rock: KWRK96.1 NO-GE (5th)

ARKANSAS:

Bentonville: *NS 88.1 AF (Amer. Family Assoc)
Cabot: KLPQ 102.5 NW, One-on-One sports in MONO
Clarksville: KLYR 92.7 noted in MONO (country)
Clarksville: KXIO 106.9 noted in MONO (hot adult AC)
Dumas: KXFE 108.9 also noted in MONO
Fayetteville: KBHG 89.3 NO-CX-DE
Hot Springs: KSBC 90.1 noted with MONO (religion)
Humnoke: KARN 101.7 NW, talk // KARN 92.0, and MONO
Jonesboro: KAOG 90.5 CC (NS)
Little Rock: KSYG 103.7 talk, but noted in stereo
Lonoke: KMZX 106.3 noted with urban AC & "Touch"
Marion: KFTH 107.1 // KDRE 101.1 when not // WDRE
Murfreesboro: KMTB99.5 SG "B99.5" (country format)
Newport: KOKR 96.7 NC to 35 kW, 518', GE (3rd)
N Little Rock: KDRE 101.1 // KFTH 107.1 when not // WDRE
Pine Bluff: KANK 91.1 CC (NS)
Stamps: KZHE 100.5 adds Jones CD Country (&)
Van Buren: KLSZ 102.7 noted with 800 khz wide signal that was really splatting!

CALIFORNIA:

Arnold: KBYN 95.9 NW, soft AC, talk // KKBN 93.5
Atwater: KVRO 92.5 LC
Beaumont: KAEB 100.9 NO-GE
Garberville: KLVG 103.7 NW, K-Love Contemp Christian (&)
Lompoc: KAOH 104.9 CC (NS)
Merced: KFIE 106.3 reported SI
Paso Robles: KNCR93.1 NW, soft AC
St Helena: KVVN 99.3 NC to 6 kW, 239 ft, GE
Ukiah: KUKI 103.3 NC to 2700w, 1837', RE (3rd)

COLORADO:

Castle Rock: KNRX92.1 PC> 32 kW, 600 ft, class C2 XC 39-25-15/104-39-15
Cortez: K249DE97.7 NS-250w: KISZ 97.9 Cortez

CONNECTICUT:

Guilford: WGRS 91.5 PG> 3.1 kW
Pawcatuck: WKCD107.7 NW, smooth jazz (&)

FLORIDA:

Daytona Bch: WJHM101.9 OSA for class C, 56 kW, 1854 ft XC 28-55-16/81-19-09
Fort Pierce: WOVV 95.5 FC to country
Haines City: WLTV 90.3 PC> 1.2 kW, 308 ft.
Homestead: *NS 88.1 163, 423 ft. (FIU)
Inglis: WAOQ104.3 NO-GE
Inverness: WJUF 90.1 LC
Jacksonville: WIVY102.9 runs classic hits 7pm-midnight
Ocala: W257BD99.3 NS-55w: WYFB 90.5 Gainesville
White City: WFLM104.7 FC to urban (FL Pierce)

GEORGIA:

Brunswick: *NS 90.7 AF
Brunswick: WWIO 89.1 PC< 5.5 kW, 154 ft, XC 31-11-20/81-29-05
Chauncey: WQIL 101.3 LC
Buford: WLKQ102.3 PC> 4 kW, DA
Gray: WWIQ 96.7 QC from 96.5, now C3, 7600w 587', DA, XC 32-58-31/83-47-59
Lumber City: *NS 88.7 50 kW, 150 ft.

HAWAII:

Volcano: KQOA 107.7 PG> 18 kW, 216 ft, C3 XC 19-30-5/155-10-01

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ILLINOIS:

Chicago: WLS 94.7 FC, drops talk for Christmas music to go country in January.
 Galva: WHHK 102.5 NW, SMN adult contemp. (&)
 Lansing: WEJM 106.3 to add ABC - Banks show (Doug Banks pm-drive show, in July)
 Maroa: WDKR 107.3 NO-GE
 Nashville: WNSR 104.7 noted in MONO
 Neoga: WWGO 98.9 CC (NS)
 Oak Park: WBMX 102.7 adds Tom Joyner's show (taking it from cross town WGCI)
 Pickneyville: WAIL 104.3 CC (NS)
 St. Joseph: WGNJ 89.3 NO-RE
 Virginia: WVIL 101.3 CC (ex WAOG)
INDIANA:
 Anderson: WAPC 89.5 CC (NS)
 Altica: WGBD 95.7 PC< 3.1 kW, 433 ft
 XC: 40-23-02/87-07-55
 Hagerstown: NS 91.1 300w(h), 8000w(h), Ball State
 Muncie: WERK 104.9 FC to country
 New Albany: WAJE 94.7 NW, Christmas music (Louisville)
 Walton: WFRR 93.7 LC

IOWA:

Algona: KLGA 92.7 PC> 3.5 kW, class C3
 Belle Plaine: KXPW 95.5 NO-RE (3rd)
 Muscatine: NS 93.1 4.4 kW, 384 ft
 Perry: NS 91.7 AF (Amer. Family Assoc.)

KANSAS:

Fredonia: KJGM 104.3 CC (NS)
 Olathe: KCCV 92.1 PC> 8.3 kW

KENTUCKY:

Campton: *** 103.7 PA for class A
 Lebanon: WLSK 100.9 NC to 25 kW, 289 ft, RE
 Lexington: WJGG 104.5 NW, Christmas music
 Marion: WMLJ 102.7 PC> 6 kW
 Nicholasville: WLTO 102.5 CC (ex WLRO)
 Valley Station: WXNU 105.9 CC (ex WQNF), "New Rock"
 Whitesburg: WMMT 88.7 PC> 15 kW(v), 1kW(h), 1469', DA

LOUISIANA:

Delhi: KGGM 93.5 station was noted in MONO
 Oak Grove: KWCL 96.7 PC> 6.9 kW, 328 ft C3
 XC: 32-51-32/91-21-22
 W. Monroe: K235AF 94.9 on the air: WAFR 88.3 Tupelo, MS

MAINE:

Bangor: WWBX 97.1 CC (ex WYOU)
 Houlton: WHOU 100.1 reported SI
 Machias: *** 101.1 PA for class B

MARYLAND:

Frederick: W220BH 91.9 NS-10w, WCRH 90.5 Williamsport

MASSACHUSETTS:

Turners Falls: WPVQ 93.9 PC< 2.5 kW, 358 ft.

MICHIGAN:

Aima: WQBK 104.9 CC (ex WFCY), FC to SMN hot AC & A
 Bridgman: WYTZ 97.5 CC (ex WCSE)
 Hartford: WZTY 103.7 NW, country // WYTZ 87.5 MI
 Lake City: WNHG 104.9 CC (NS)
 Saginaw: NS 88.3 AF
 Tawas City: WAOU 103.3 CC (NS)

MINNESOTA:

Atwater: KYRS 94.1 FC to Branson country (&)
 Babitt: KAOD 106.7 CC (NS)
 Peterson: K223AH 92.5 NS-119w(v), KFSI 92.9 Rochester
 Roseau: KCAJ 102.1 CC (ex KANT)
 Two Harbors: WRSR 104.3 LC

MISSISSIPPI:

Boonville: WBIP 99.3 adds Reach southern Gospel (&)
 Calhoun City: *** 102.3 PA to delete class A here
 Clarksdale: WKDJ 96.5 adds Moby talk

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Mississippi:

Columbus: WAFR 103.9 NC to 50 kW, 492 ft, RE (6th)
 Flora: WXFJ 97.3 NO-RE (4th)
 Gluckstadt: WLIN 101.7 PG> 50 kW, 456 ft, DA, C2
 Jackson: WMPN 91.3 NC to 1099 ft, RE (2nd)
 Saucier: WAOY 91.7 CC (NS)
 Tupelo: WAFR 88.3 PG> 60 kW, C1

MISSOURI:

Ava: KKOZ 92.3 GA: to 92.1 class A
 Branson: KRZK 106.3 GA: to class C2 from C3
 Brookline: *** 102.1 GA to add class A
 Columbia: KCMQ 96.7 GA from class C3 to C1
 Cuba: *** 107.3 GA for class C3
 Dixon: *** 82.1 GA for class A
 Kirsville: KTUF 93.7 FC to country
 Marshall: KMVC 91.7 PC> 100w(v), 53 ft, class A
 XC: 39-06-31/93-11-29

MISSOURI:

Missouri: KGGG 93.3 CC (ex KDXT), "Eagle"
 Min Grove: KCMG 106.5 FC to country, GA to 92.5 - A
 Potosi: KHCR 97.7 NO-GX (2nd)
 St. Louis: KSLH 91.5 noted in MONO with jazz

MONTANA:

Butte: NS 91.3 880w, 1893 ft. (U of Mont.)
 Red Lodge: KMKE 99.3 NC to 45 kW, 2496 ft, GE (3rd)

NEBRASKA:

Gordon: KSDZ 95.5 PC> 60 kW, 313 ft, C1

NEVADA:

Las Vegas: KXPT 97.1 PG> 24 kW

NEW HAMPSHIRE:

Bedford: WAEF 96.5 NO-GE, PG< 680w, 971 ft, DA
 XC: 42-58-58/71-35-20

Farmington: WRHF 106.5 NO-CX-DE
 Hampton: WSTG 102.1 CC (ex WZEA), FC to Christmas

NEW MEXICO:

Clovis: NS 91.1 AF (Amer. Family Assoc.)
 Clovis: KSMX 107.5 SG "Petro 107.5"
 Eunice: KYRK 100.9 FC to Christian country
 Hobbs: KOKN 102.9 reported SI
 Las Cruces: KXDA 103.1 CC (ex KASK)
 Los Alamos: KEFE 107.5 NO-RE (2nd)
 Raton: *** 96.5 GA for class A

NEW YORK:

Brighton: NS 94.1 6 kW, 318 ft (Rochester)
 Cape Vincent: WGGG 102.7 RA with oldies // WNCQ 1410 (&)
 Chenango Bridge: WANG 104.1 CC (NS)
 Clifton Park: WWCP 96.7 FC to oldies (50s/60s) (Albany)
 Jewett: WQMR 97.9 NO-RE (2nd)
 Mexico: WUPN 103.9 NO-RE
 Montauk: WVZC 94.9 NO-GE (3rd)
 Noyack: WSUF 89.9 NO-RX (2nd)
 Nyack: WNYK 88.7 PG< 2w, 455 ft.
 XC: 41-04-58/73-55-50

Rouses Pt.: NS 88.7 AF
 Syracuse: WJPZ 89.1 FC to CHR-new rock
 Tupper Lake: WRGR 102.3 FC to hot AC "Hit-FM"

NORTH CAROLINA:

Burlington: WPCM 101.1 gets new DA
 Burlington: WZZU 93.9 XG: 35-52-15/79-09-40
 Carolina Bch: WLGX 106.7 LC
 Hickory: WFHE 90.3 NW, jazz-info
 // WFAE 90.7 Charlotte
 High Point: WHSL 100.3 CC (ex WFXF) "Whistle"
 High Point: WMAG 99.5 FC to soft AC
 Southern Pines: WIOZ 102.5 NW, CC (ex WAHP), adult stds.
 Southern Pines: WKQB 106.9 CC (ex WIOZ), FC to classic hits
 Wadesboro: WRPL 93.5 NW, BBN religion
 Washington: WDLX 93.3 FC to classic hits "Arrow"
 Winston-Salem: WXPB 91.3 NO-GE (3rd)

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NORTH DAKOTA:

Cavalier: KAOC 105.1 CC (NS)
 Devils Lake: KAQB 96.7 CC (NS)
OHIO:
 Belpre: WNUS 107.1 NC to 4.7 kW, 351 ft, RX (5th)
 Bryan: WAOX 90.9 CC (NS)
 Richwood: WZJZ 104.3 CC (NS)

OKLAHOMA:

Enid: K208BV 89.5 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Langton: KALU 89.3 CC from 90.7, now class A, 150w
 200ft, XC: 33-46-11/87-12-06
 Lawton: K242AA 96.3 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 McAlester: K216BT 91.1 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Miami: K220CZ 91.9 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Norman: NS 89.3 AF
 Nowata: KQSY 101.5 PG> 6.2 kW, 656 ft, C3,
 CL: Collinsville, OK

Ponca City: K210BB 89.9 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Poteau: K2BB 87.9 SG "Zebra"
 Roland: KYUC 92.3 LC
 Shawnee: KASH 95.1 NO-CX-DE
 Shawnee: K272BX 102.3 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Stillwater: KSPI 83.7 SG "The Spy"
 Stillwater: K216BS 91.1 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Sulphur: NS 89.3 AF
 Tishomingo: KTSH 106.3 NO-RE (7th)
 Weathersfield: K206BB 89.1 on: KMSI 88.1 Moore
 Willburton: KZUD 103.7 NO-RX

OREGON:

Cottage Grove: KEUG 105.5 CC (NS)
 La Grande: KWRL 100.1 NC to 99.1, 91.4 kW, CX
 Newport: KCLM 92.7 NO-CX-DE

PENNSYLVANIA:

Gaileton: WAIU 100.7 NO-RE
 Jersey Shore: WVRT 97.7 CC (ex WWWD), FC to hot ac
 "Variety" (Williamsport)
 Laporte: NS 103.9 6 kW, 276 ft.
 Lewisburg: WGRC 91.3 adds MGS cont. Christian (&)
 Lewisburg: WCCR 96.3 CC (ex WUNS) FC to rock
 // WZXR 99.3 Williamsport
 Mill Hall: NS 98.7 970w, 581 ft.
 New Castle: WVMN 90.1 NW, Moody Bible religion
 Palmyra: WNGE 92.1 CC (ex WCTX)
 Pittsburgh: WNPQ 104.7 PG> 20 kW, 781 ft, DA
 XG: 40-26-20/79-59-41

Salladasburg: WRAK 95.5 CC (ex WFRY)
 Tioga: WPHD 94.7 GA: from class A to B1

SOUTH CAROLINA:

Clemson: WCCP 104.9 PC> 6 kW
 Hartsville: WHSC 98.5 FC to Jones oldies (&) (Florence)
 Johnsonville: WPDY 105.1 adds 1 On 1 Sports
 Kingstree: WAOT 94.1 CC (NS)
 Moncks Corner: WNST 105.3 CC (ex WJYQ)

SOUTH DAKOTA:

Little Eagle: KLND 89.5 NO-RE (2nd)
 Sioux Falls: KRSD 88.1 allowed to operate as a satellite stn.

TENNESSEE:

Jackson: W201AP 88.1 on: WAFR 88.3 Tupelo, MS
 Jonesville: *** 89.1 GA for class A
 Oliver Sp.: WXYO 98.7 adds WW1 Hot Country (&)
 Spencer: WWEE 107.3 adds SMN AC (&)
 Waynesboro: WFRQ 94.9 FC to soft AC "River" (&)

TEXAS:

Abilene: NS 91.3 AF (Amer. Family Assoc.)
 Bay City: KXGU 101.7 NW, country "Pure Country"
 Big Sandy: KBAU 90.7 NW, info/alternative/classical
 Big Spring: KBTS 94.3 NW, Tejano "La Signal"
 Bishop: KFLZ 107.1 noted with MONO
 Bowie: KPLT 100.7 NC to 6250w, 435 ft, RE (2nd)

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Texas:

Carthage: KTUX 98.9 SG "The Rebel Roker 98X"
 Center: KDET 102.3 adds SMN country
 Dimmitt: KLVK 100.5 CC (NS)
 El Paso: KSII 93.1 CC (ex KAMZ), "Kiss"
 Ft. Worth: KEGL 97.1 NC to 98.6 kW, 1673', RE (2nd)
 Franklin: KLTR 101.9 FC-WW1 CNN Headline News (&)
 Giddings: KROX 101.5 SG "The X"
 Goliad: KHMC 95.9 NO-GE (2nd)
 Greenville: KIKT 83.5 PC> 8299w, class C3
 Ingram: NS 90.1 AF (TX Public Radio)
 Jasper: KQYX 102.3 PG> 26 kW, 440 ft, C2
 XG: 31-03-36/93-57-42 (reinstated from 1990)
 Killeen: KAJZ 93.3 CC (ex KHHT), FC to smooth jazz
 Mercedes: KTDJ 106.3 SG "Tejano 106"
 Midland: KQRX 95.1 NW, new rock "New Rock 95X"
 Mission: KTXJ 105.5 // KTDJ 106.3 Mercedes, TX
 New Boston: KZZB 103.5 PG> 6 kW, 492 ft, C2
 XG: 33-24-54/94-38-10

Portland: KRAD 105.5 SG "K-Rad" (hard rock)
 San Angelo: KWFR 101.9 CC (ex KKLK)
 San Angelo: KCRN 93.9 careful! heard IDing as "KCB!"
 San Antonio: KYZZ 100.1 noted in MONO
 San Antonio: KROM 92.9 SG "La Romanica"
 San Augustine: KCOOT 92.5 adds SMN country
 S. Padre Is.: KJIB 92.7 NO-RE (7th)

WASHINGTON:

Spokane: KAEP 105.7 CC (ex KEZE)
 Yakima: KZTA 99.3 NC to 99.7, 7620w, GE (2nd)
 584 ft, XG: 46-31-53/120-256-58

WEST VIRGINIA:

Petersburg: NS 89.5 10 kW(v), 1066ft, WV Edu

WISCONSIN:

Eau Claire: WUEC 89.7 NC to 5200w, RE
 Lancaster: WJTY 88.1 PG> 50 kW(v), 7 kW(h)
 Madison: WERN 88.7 PG< 21.5 kW, 1264 ft
 DA, XG: 43-03-21/89-32-06
 Oshkosh: WVBO 103.9 PC> 25 kW, class C3, DA
 CL: Winneconna, WI
 Sturgeon: WSRG 97.7 CC (ex WFNL), FC to a/c (&)

WYOMING:

Jackson: *** 93.3 PA for class C

U.S. TERRITORIES:

GUAM:

Agaña: *** 102.9 GA for class C

PUERTO RICO:

Culebra: NS 92.9 30 kW(v), 577 ft.
 Mayaguez: WIOB 97.5 PC> 50 kW

VIRGINISLANDS:

BRITISH COLUMBIA:

Kelowna: CKBL 99.9 NW, country "The Bullet"
 Victoria: CIOC 98.5 CC (ex CFMS) FC to regular a/c
 SG "The Ocean"

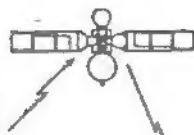
NUUEVOLAREDO:

Anahuac: XHAHU 103.3 noted with all talk, and stereo

More to come next month! Happy New Year!



SATELLITE NEWS



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Things are either feast or famine when it comes to satellite news. I haven't forgotten about getting some info here on sub-carriers, but time has been very limited lately and this effort will take many hours to compile. In the meantime, a few notes on new services and the current menu of services on the newly activated Telstar 402R

XPDR -
2 - TVN Promo Channel
4 - Shop-At-Home
7 - Cable Video Store
10 - Cupid VC2
11 - Outdoor Channel
12 - XXXotica VC2
15 - Spice VC2
16 - Adam and Eve VC2
18 - RTP - Lisbon, Portugal
19 - Channel America
20 - Occ. Book TV
24 - Pandamerica Shopping Channel



My sincerest apologies to Canadian readers for referring to the Anik birds as the pron birds. It is sad to note that many of the services on the new Telstar 402R seem to be going that route. On the Ku side of Telstar 402 - there is an ID channel IDing as T-402R, 9A Vertical - in black and white - noted using a Uniden receiver at 17 H.

By the time you read this - hopefully, the new Galaxy 3R will be in orbit at 95W and testing.

Orion at 37.5W is lighting up and currently is carrying Asia Net on a horizontal transponder in PAL format.

Look for occasional Russian services on Gorizont 26 at 11W XPDR 6 in SECAM color format with a fairly decent signal.

Last column I mentioned birth (Telstar 402) and death (Galaxy 3) and this month Resurrection with the reactivation of BrazilSat at about 63W in inclined orbit and rebeamed toward the U.S. ID channel in NTSC color format had been noted on XPDRs 4 and 8 with occasional feeds from The Dominican republic noted on XPDR 4.

Lastly and by no means least follows a list of new proposed services. This was reported in a recent issue of Broadcasting and other sources.

Action America - 1996
Air and Space Network - 1996
American Political Channel - 1996
America's Health Network - 1996
America west Network - 1996
Appiause - 1996
Arts and Antiques - 1996
ATN - Automotive Television Network - 1996
The Auto Channel - 1996



BBC World Channel Network -
The Benefit Network - 1997
BET On Jazz - The Cable Jazz Channel
Booknet - 1996
Career and Education Opportunity Network - 1996
Catalogue TV - 1996
CEO Channel - 1996
Channel 500 - 1996
Chop TV - 1996



Classic Music Channel - 1996
CNN Financial news - imminent
c/net - The Computer Network - ?
Collectors Channel - 1996
CTM - Conservative Television Network - 1996
The Enrichment Channel - ?
Entertainment Prosperity Insight Channel - 1996
Fashion and Style Network - 1996
Fitness Interactive - 1996
GET - Gay Entertainment Television - 1996
Gospel Network - 1996

Health and Fitness Network - ?
The Health Channel - ?
The Health Network - 1996
Hip-Hop Television - 1996
Hobby Craft Network - 1996
Jackpot Channel - 1996
The Language Channel - 1996
The MBC Movie Network - ?
The Military Channel - 1996
TMZ - The Music Zone - ?
New Science Network - 1997

News World International - ?
Parenting Satellite Television Network - 1996
The Parents Channel - 1996
Penthouse Pay-Per-View - ?
Planet Central TV Network - 1996
PHN - Premier Horse Network - 1996
Prime Life Network - 1996
Recovery Network - The Wellness Channel - 1996
The Seminar Channel - 1996
Sewing and Needle Arts Network - ?
Share TV - 1996

The Singles Network - 1996
The Soap Channel - 1996
Speedvision Network - 1996
The Success Channel - 1996
Sundance Film Channel - 1996
Talk TV Network - 1997
TCI/Microsoft Channel - 1996
The Technology Channel - 1996
TSM - Television Shopping Mall - 1996
TRAX - 1996

TRIO - Family Oriented Channel - ?
Wingspan, The Aviation Channel - 1996
Women's Sports and Entertainment Network -
World African Network - 1996
World Jazz - ?

WIN - World Interactive Network - 1996
Many of these channels will obviously be in digital compressed video and not immediately available to the home satellite viewer. Many will never see the light of day. Have a great NEW YEAR 1996 and see you in 30

Days



STATISTICS

Featuring FM/TV Scoreboards, All Time Distance Records,
States Stats and Personal Best Statistics of FM/TV DXers
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TV SCOREBOARD

DEADLINE THE 5TH

DXER NAME		DXER LOCATION	TOTAL	UHF	LPTV	BS	MS	AU	USA	CN	MX	FO	TPU	YB	AS	OF	
KADET	JEFF	IL MACOMB	1431	947	441	245	3	0	45+	7	11	7	71	83	85	28/95	
SEYBOLD	BOB	NY DUNKIRK	1293	746	219	217	30	6	49+	7	1	5	63	50	04	20/95	
SIEGEL	GARY	OH TOLEDO	632	299	45	147	0	0	39+	6	2	2	50	70	11	12/94	
FERNANDO	GARCIA	NL CD GUADALUPE	560	356	117	96	0	0	30	0	7	5	42	91	03	19/95	
NIEMAN	DAVID	NY AKRON	556	366	77	90	5	0	37+	7	0	0	45	84	03/01/94		
BARSTOW	ROY	MA TEATICKET	515	317	90	99	5	1	36+	7	0	1	45	71	10/24/95		
NIEMAN	DAVID	NY ROCK CITY	425	309	69	36	0	0	32+	5	0	0	38	91	10/02/95		
SITTEL	MATT	FL TALLAHASSEE	375	206	24	97	0	0	28	2	6	4	40	92	07/04/94		
SHAFTAN	RICK	NJ SPARTA	374	189	26	102	0	0	36+	5	0	1	43	81	09/06/95		
NORDQUIST	FRED	NY CLAY	370	229	39	72	3	0	35+	6	0	1	43	69	11/06/95		
HRPURN	WILLIAM	ON BRAMPTON	358	242	38	63	1	0	30+	5	0	1	37	85	06/10/94		
KRUSZKA	JEFF	LA BATON ROUGE	318	213	45	43	0	0	25+	4	2	33	93	06/21/95			
MILLER	RUSS	ME AMITY	311	152	57	71	5	0	29	5	0	34	94	10/15/95			
OGLETHORPE	DANNY	LA SHREVEPORT	285	104	5	101	0	0	35+	4	5	1	46	94	08/03/95		
SMITH	DOUG	TN PLEASANT VIEW	226	140	17	36	0	0	27	1	2	1	31	90	12/17/94		
HANLEY	CHRIS	IL GALESBURG	210	106	10	60	0	0	28	6	0	1	35	88	08/09/95		
BUNEMAN	ERIC	MO HAZELWOOD	207	147	6	25	0	0	24	2	0	0	26	92	11/12/95		
SMOLAREK	BOB	NJ HIGH BRIDGE	166	116	15	20	0	0	25+	0	0	0	26	85	01/01/94		
MILITER	RANDY	CA SAN JOSE	126	38	2	70	2	0	16	7	3	0	7	69	01/25/95		
BUNTIN	DANNY	OK STILLWATER	123	90	6	6	0	0	22	2	0	0	26	77	03/01/94		
STEINBERGER	RICHARD	MA HUDSON	87	50	4	6	0	0	14	1	0	0	15	60	11/15/95		
HAWK	MIKE	NE OMAHA	82	49	7	5	0	0	11	2	0	0	13	91	07/29/95		
CORTONE	RICHARD	NY JAMAICA	40	30	5	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	81	02/01/94		
REMINGTON	SHELDON	HI FERN FOREST	11	2	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	2	93	05/02/94		

* VERIFIED

COLUMN DEFINITIONS: are as follows. Total = Total number of TV stations logged from DXer's location. All loggings should be received within 25 mile radius of this location to count. Freq changes count as a station, call letter changes DO NOT count. Also count a station only once regardless if logged by different propagation modes. UHF = All stations logged from CHANNELS 14 to 83. BS=Total number of stations logged by E skip. MS=Total by meteor scatter. AU=Total via Aurora. USA=Total number of states and the "+" = Washington, DC. CN=Number of Canadian provinces logged. MX=Number of Mexican states logged. PO=Number of foreign countries, but not Canada/Mexico. TPU (Total number of political units)=Sum of USA CN MX and PO. YB = The year you began DXing from this location. Other groundrules for computing log totals are included in VUD Issue 2/95. Note: Some of you need to get current and submit your latest stats to keep on the Scoreboard. Also submit any distance records, states stats and personal best statistics. Send via E-mail or snail mail 73 - Fred.

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WTFDA DX AWARDS PROGRAM

Annual DX Logs: - FM 1st Place & Runner Up - TV 1st Place & Runner Up
(Notes 3 thru 4 Apply. No relogs.)
Annual Records: E-Skip greatest distance - 1st Place FM/TV 1 ea.
Tropo greatest distance - 1st Place FM/TV 1 ea.
AU greatest distance - 1st Place FM/TV 1 ea.
MS greatest distance - 1st Place FM/TV 1 ea.
(Notes 1 thru 4 apply, except relogs are permitted)
Single Day Event, Greatest log 24 hrs: E-Skip; 1st Place Tropo; 1st Place
AU; 1st Place MS; 1st Place
(The continuous 24 hr period may cover parts of 2 calendar days.)
Hall of Fame (Notes 3 thru 4 apply, except relogs are permitted.)
- FM 2000+ logs - TV 1000+ logs
(Notes 3 thru 4 apply. No relogs.)
See Notes on next page

WTFDA DX AWARDS PROGRAM

Notes:

- Greatest distance entries will be recalculated by Statistics Editor using DXers location and stations city of license grid coordinates.
- Records must be log documented: i.e. Date/Prop/Time/Freq(MHz/Ch)/Call/Location/ID criteria.
- Loggings are to be in accordance with groundrules for computing totals cited in the Feb 95 VUD. (1 DX location only, within 25 mi. radius).
- 1995 Entries will be accepted for loggings made 1/1/95 thru 12/31/95. This program is open to current WTFDA members who submit entries via e-mail or snail mail. Cutoff date for submitting entries to Statistics editor (Fred Nordquist) will be 1/31/96. Announcements of recipients of DX Awards will be published in the March 96 VUD Statistics Column. Certificates will be prepared by Jim Thomas (Old West Graphics) who will mail them to recipients in March 96.

Now is the time to review your 1995 logbook and tally up those statistics. You may be in the running for some of these awards! As a bonus to award winners, I'll donate a printout of your personalized DX distances that I offered in the FM Scoreboard! According to the Scoreboards it appears that 1st Hall of Famers may be claimed by Jeff Kadet/Danny Seybold (TV) and Keith Pugh/Ralph Strobel/Danny Buntin/plus maybe a couple of others? (FM). Happy Holidays! Any suggestions for improving future DX Awards programs are welcome 73-Fred.

TV STATISTICS				AS OF: 12/12				STATS			
PU	# DXER	# DXER	PU	# DXER	# DXER	PU	# DXER	# DXER	PU	# DXER	# DXER
USA (CONT)				CANADA				MEXICO			
AL	46 JKA	43 FGA	NY	8 JKA	6 PDY	AT	9 JKA	2 PDY	BCN(BN)	2 FGA	2 PDY
AK	0 None	0 None	NE	29 JKA	19 MHA	BC	1 FWH	0 None	BOS(BS)	2 PDY	0 None
AZ	5 JKA	5 PDY	NV	3 FGA	3 PDY	BS	7 JKA	3 FWH	CH(C)	5 JKA	2 JKR
AR	26 JKA	10 PDY	NH	11 RBA	10 RST	NB	20 NM	9 RBA	CHP(CH)	1 FGA	0 None
CA	7 PDY	2 FGA	ND	16 RBA	9 RMI	RF	5 RBA	4 GCO	COL(C)	4 JKA	4 FGA
CO	16 JKA	12 PDY	NM	5 JKA	5 PDY	RS	34 NM	30 RBA	COA(C)	1 JKR	0 None
CT	20 RBA	12 RSM	NY	96 DMJ	62 FRO	DN	84 DMJ	77 GCO	DF(DF)	2 PDY	1 JKR
DE	5 RSM	3 RMI	NC	33 RBA	19 JKA	PE	5 RMI	1 RBA	GRO(GR)	2 PDY	0 None
FL	83 JKA	80 MS12	ND	10 JKA	6 PDY	PD	44 RMI	19 DMJ	GTG(GT)	5 JKA	1 JKR
GA	34 FGA	33 JKA	OH	83 JKA	53 DMJ	SK	14 JKA	4 FWH	JAL(JA)	1 PDY	0 None
HI	10 RMI	0 None	OK	30 JKA	28 DMJ	MT	2 WHE6	1 WHE7	KL(KL)	14 FGA	6 PDY
ID	4 JKA	4 PDY	OR	1 PDY	0 None				PUE(PU)	1 PDY	1 JKR
IL	73 JKA	33 DMJ	PA	37 DMJ	44 RBA	FOREIGN(AMERICAS)					
IN	56 JKA	23 DMJ	RI	7 RBA	5 RMI	CJBA	7 FGA	4 JKA	GRO(G)	1 PDY	0 None
IA	62 JKA	17 MHA	SC	18 RBA	8 FGA	D.REP	1 JKA	0 None	SGM(SG)	3 PDY	0 None
KS	33 JKA	8 MHA	SO	18 JKA	9 PDY	EL SA	2 FGA	2 PDY	TAB(TB)	1 PDY	0 None
KY	38 JKA	28 DMJ	TN	47 JKA	34 DMJ	GUATE	1 FGA	1 PDY	TAM(TN)	16 FGA	6 PDY
LA	54 JKR	47 JKR	TX	157 FGA	104 PDY	HONDU	2 FGA	0 None	VZ(VZ)	4 PDY	3 JKA
ME	29 RM	22 RBA	UT	4 JKA	2 PDY	N.CAR	1 PDY	1 FGA	YUC(YU)	4 FGA	2 PDY
MD	13 RSM	9 JKA	VI	11 RBA	7 RMI	PUERT	1 JKA	0 None	ZAC(ZC)	2 JKA	1 JKR
MA	29 RBA	26 RST	VA	42 RBA	11 JKA	VENEZ	1 GCO	0 None			
MI	72 JKA	39 DMJ	WA	3 JKA	1 FWH				FOREIGN(OTHER)		
MN	109 JKA	8 PDY	WV	19 JKA	5 DMJ				FRANCE	1 WHE5	
MS	27 FGA	26 JKR	WJ	41 JKA	27 DMJ				JESS/AUSTRALIA	1 EA JKA	
MO	59 JKA	17 DMJ	WY	4 JKA	2 FWH				NORWAY/SWEDEN	1 EA JKA	
			DC	8 RSM	5 JKA				UK	2 WHE5	

ABOVE STATS REPRESENT MOST NO OF STATIONS FOR EACH POLITICAL UNIT (PU) LOGGED FROM A SINGLE SPECIFIED DXER'S LOCATION. FIRST AND SECOND PLACE DXERS ARE LISTED ONLY. OTHERS THAT ARE TIED FOR SECOND ARE NOT LISTED. FJM

TV STATES STAT-DXER INITIALS/LOCATION/GRID COORDINATES				LAT NO LONGEST			
INIT	DXER NAME	DXER LOCAT ON	DEG N IN DEG N IN	INIT	DXER NAME	DXER LOCAT ON	DEG N IN DEG N IN
RBA	ROY BARSTOW	MA TEATICKET	41 36 70 36	RMI	RANDY NIET ER	NY ASHLAND	42 11 122 40
DMJ	DANNY BUNTIN	OK STILLWATER	36 7 97 4	DN	DAVID J NIEMAN	NY AKRON	42 58 78 32
GCO	GREG CORDELL	NY CLARENCE	42 59 78 41	DMJ	DAVID J NIEMAN	NY ROCK CITY	42 1 78 28
PDY	PAT DYER	TX SAN ANTONIO	29 28 98 36	FRO	FRED NORDQUIST	NY CLAY	43 8 76 8
FGA	FERNANDO GARCIA	MEX GUADALUPE	25 61 100 15	SHL	SHEL REN WGTON	MA NEW FERN	19 27 153 10
MHA	MICHAEL HAWK	ME LINCOLN	41 13 96 3	MS12	MATTHEW CS TTE	FL TALLAHASSEE	30 29 84 18
WHE6	WILLIAM HRPURN	MT FROM SHER BA	63 44 68 28	DMJ	DOUGLAS SMITH	WY MAD SON	43 5 89 22
WHE7	WILLIAM HRPURN	MT EUREKA	0 0 0 0	DMJ	DOUGLAS SMITH	TN PLEASANT V E	36 24 87 5
WHE5	WILLIAM HRPURN	ON NAGARA FALL	43 6 79 4	RSM	BOB SMOLAREK	NJ HIGH BRIDGE	40 40 74 54
JKA	JEFF KADET	IL MACOMB	40 27 90 40	RST	RICHARD STEINBERGER	MA HUDSON	42 24 71 35
JKR	JEFF KRUSZKA	LA BATON ROUGE	30 30 91 10	FWH	FRANK WHEELER	PA ERIE	42 8 80 4
JKR	JEFF KRUSZKA	LA HANAHAN	29 56 90 11				

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FM STATISTICS

DXER NAME	DXER LOCATION	TOTAL	88	92	ES	MS	AU	USA	CN	MX	PO	TPU	YB	AS	OF
PUGH	KEITH AL NEW HOPE	2359	282	1321	101	18	47+	7	13	6	70	83	10/09/95		
STROBEL	RALPH IN MUNCIE	2324	621	773	180	7	43+	7	5	2	58	72	01/09/95		
BUNTIN	DANNY OK STILLWATER	2032	741	1240	4	0	48+	5	9	2	65	74	07/01/94		
CONIGLIO	GREG NY WILLIAMSVILLE	1973	334	1032	24	38	41+	8	2	4	56	85	10/02/94		
FELA	JOSEPH NJ S PLAINFIELD	1924	418	1059	2	10	38+	6	0	3	47	68	09/09/95		
EBELING	JOHN MN BLOOMINGTON	1837	312	1041	51	83	47+	6	5	0	59	52	01/01/95		
ELVING	BRUCE MN DULUTH	1788	318	1375	9	8	47+	4	1	0	53	48	08/23/94		
BUGAJ	MIKE CT ENFIELD	1758	245	970	25	23	37+	5	1	3	47	74	11/18/94		
NORDQUIST	FRED NY CLAY	1730	371	864	48	59	42+	5	0	3	51	69	12/12/95		
HAWK	MIKE NE OMAHA	1588	312	866	30	0	47+	6	4	0	58	91	07/30/95		
EBELING	JOHN MN PROSIT	1414	268	919	6	6	48+	9	2	0	59	52	01/01/95		
SEYBOLD	BOB NY DUNKIRK	1340	219	611	0	2	45	8	3	3	59	58	01/16/95		
CHERNOS	SAUL ON BURST RIVER	1319	272	759	42	81	38+	8	0	1	48	77	08/12/94		
SMOLAREK	BOB NJ OLDWICK	1288	195	620	2	4	36+	4	0	3	44	78	09/01/95		
JEFFERSON	JOHN CA DIABLO REGION	1283	291	740	174	1	30	4	7	0	41	74	01/08/95		
SHAFTAN	RICHARD NJ SPARTA	1239	198	541	21	0	37+	5	0	3	46	78	09/06/95		
ZONDIO	JOHN OK YUKON	1217	242	668	2	0	42+	5	9	0	57	79	02/26/95		
SITTEL	MATT FL TALLAHASSEE	1156	162	554	2	0	38+	2	6	4	51	92	01/18/95		
MORGAN	GIL MO LEBANON	1109	199	255	26	0	40+	5	5	0	51	94	10/06/95		
HOLBROOK	HANK MD DUNKIRK	920	252	249	19	0	35+	7	0	4	47	59	10/10/95		
OSTTING	DANIEL PA EKTON/PHOENIXV	919	234	317	9	2	34+	7	0	1	43	77	07/23/95		
WISSBLOOD	STEVEN TX BROWNSVILLE	852	183	381	5	0	32	0	9	7	48	92	07/13/94		
NIEHAN	DAVID NY ROCK CITY	835	195	134	8	1	35+	5	0	0	41	91	10/02/95		
NIEHAJADLY	BILL NJ CLIFTON	806	116	376	8	0	34+	3	0	2	40	75	07/01/94		
HALL	D BRUCE ON BRANTFORD	800	132	153	106	2	40+	6	1	3	51	90	07/20/94		
SIEGEL	GARY OH TOLEDO	770	164	177	0	0	32+	5	2	1	41	76	11/12/94		
STEINBERGER	RICHARD MA HUDSON	769	164	336	12	6	35+	5	0	0	41	58	11/15/95		
TUDENHAM	JOHN MO JOPLIN	603	111	151	1	0	38+	2	2	0	43	91	08/03/95		
SIMON	KEN FL LAKE WORTH	545	148	427	0	0	34+	2	4	8	49	66	07/05/95		
JEZIORSKI	MIKE FL CRESCENT BEACH	482	81	203	0	0	33+	3	0	2	39	83	08/09/95		
AYERS	JIM TN MURFREESBORO	448	73	18	1	0	27	1	1	0	29	81	02/12/94		
DURKIN	PAT WI WEST ALLIS	428	89	81	0	0	32+	3	0	0	36	78	08/29/95		
BRANDENBURG	TODD KS SILVER LAKE	418	68	58	1	0	27	1	0	0	28	80	07/14/94		
CHERNOS	SAUL ON TORONTO	399	103	82	0	0	21+	1	0	0	23	77	08/12/94		
GEORGE	PETER MA STOUGHTON	394	94	149	20	2	36+	5	0	0	42	67	07/05/95		
MANCUSO	GUS MD CHEVERLY	364	65	62	0	0	26+	0	0	0	27	72	10/01/95		
MCVEY	TIM PA HANOVER	333	55	38	0	0	20+	3	0	0	24	94	09/09/95		
MOUNT	PAUL NJ MONMOUTH	307	48	21	0	0	20+	0	0	0	21	90	08/24/92		
BUENEMAN	ERIC MD HAZELWOOD	213	31	72	0	0	24	0	2	0	26	92	11/12/95		
ONYSCHUK	KEN IL STEGER	168	36	8	0	0	7	0	0	0	7	68	08/20/94		
REMINGTON	SHEL HI KEAAU	126	19	0	1	0	2	0	1	0	3	89	05/02/94		
SCHWEITZER	BOB VA SALEM	76	9	0	0	0	5+	0	0	0	6	91	01/14/95		

* VERIFIED

COLUMN DEFINITIONS are as follows Total = Total number of FM stations logged from DXer's location (All loggings should be received within 25 mile radius of this location to count) Freq changes count as a station, call letter changes DO NOT count Also count a station only once regardless if logged by different propagation modes 88 92 = All stations logged from 88.0 to 91.99 Mhz. Es=Total number of stations logged by E-skip. MS=Total by meteor scatter. AU=Total via Aurora USA=Total number of states and the "+" = Washington, DC CN=Number of Canadian provinces logged. MX=Number of Mexican states logged. PO=Number of foreign countries, but not Canada/Mexico. TPU (Total number of political units)=Sum of USA CN MX and PO. YB = The year you began DXing from this location Other groundrules for computing log totals are included in VUD issue 02/95. Note Now is the time to update and submit your latest stats to keep on the Scoreboard Also submit any distance records, state stats and personal best statistics. Send via E mail or snail mail Laserjet printouts of personalized DX distances now covering >6000 FM/TV cities in the Americas north of the equator, with choice of miles or kilometers, are available for only \$2 donation. Include your DX location and grid coordinates with your order 73 Fred

FM STATISTICS AS OF 12/12

STATES STATS

PU	#	DXER	#	DXER	PU	#	DXER	#	DXER	PU	#	DXER	#	DXER	PU	#	DXER	#	DXER
USA					USA (CONT)					CANADA					MEXICO				
AL	106	KPU	89	MS12	MT	30	JJE2	25	JPI						AGU(CAG)	2	MS12	1	JPI
AK	11	JJE3	0	None	NE	80	MMA-	53	JJE2	AI	30	JJE2	29	JJE2	BCH(BM)	14	PDY-	10	FMC
AZ	50	PDY	39	JJE2	NV	28	PDY	24	DBU	NC	20	JJE2	11	JJE2	BCH(BS)	1	PDY-	1	JZO
AR	86	ODD-	63	DBU	NH	35	RST1	17	AMI	ND	15	FMC	13	FMC2	CAN(CE)	1	JPI-	1	SW1
CA	428	JJE2	133	PDY	NJ	89	JFE	73	RSM	RI	11	FME1	7	RST1	CHI(CI)	9	FME1	9	NHA
CO	122	DAL-	71	JJE2	NM	31	JJE2	49	RST-	SC	12	FME1	10	JJE2	CHP(CM)	3	PDY-	0	None
CT	49	MBU-	42	AMI	NY	243	FMO-	198	DNI-	NS	15	FME1	9	KPU-	COA(CI)	8	FME1	7	NHA
DE	19	DOE	17	JFE-	NC	124	MS11	86	PDY-	ON	133	DNI	131	ODD-	DF (DF)	21	TMC-	21	JPI
FL	175	MS12	162	PDY-	ND	34	FMC-	34	FMC2	PEI	2	JFE	2	RST	DUR ()	1	PDY	0	None
GA	112	MS12	103	PDY	OH	242	RST-	177	FME-	PA	31	DNI-	29	ODD-	GRO(OR)	5	PDY-	1	JPI
HI	25	SRE1	0	None	OK	139	DBU	131	JZO	SK	12	FME1	10	JJE2	GTO(GM)	9	JPI-	2	TMC
ID	28	DBU-	28	PDY-	OR	31	JPI-	29	FMC2	WMT	1	WME2	1	JJE2	HGO(HD)	1	JPI-	0	None
IL	225	FME1	222	RST-	PA	172	DNI1	145	JFE						JAL(JA)	12	TMC-	10	PDY
IN	219	RST	132	DBU	RI	14	MMD-	14	RST1						MEK(MC)	3	JPI	3	PDY
IA	120	RBR-	120	JEB-	SC	61	MS11	60	PDY-	CUBA	6	RST-	5	FME1	NIC(MH)	3	JPI-	1	PDY
KS	106	DBU-	90	TBR-	SD	42	JJE2	39	KPU	DELE	12	3	PDY	None	MOR(MR)	5	PDY-	3	JPI
KY	120	RST-	74	PDY-	TN	110	KPU-	95	DSM1	BERN	3	DNI	3	ODD-	KL (UL)	20	SW1	18	NHA
LA	77	JFE	73	ODD-	TX	320	PDY-	226	RST-	EL SA	8	PDY	4	SW1	OAK(OX)	1	JPI-	1	PDY
ME	47	RST1	30	KPU-	UT	30	PDY	23	FME1	GUATE	15	PDY-	5	SW1	MAY(MA)	1	PDY-	0	None
MD	61	JFE-	54	DOE	VT	17	RST1	14	KPU	HONDU	5	SW1	2	PDY	PUE(PU)	5	PDY-	4	TMC
MA	105	RST1	77	MBU-	VA	67	MS11	66	JFE-	JAMA	14	KPU	11	MS12	SIM(SM)	3	JJE2	1	DBU
MI	173	RST	139	FME	WA	46	FMC2	35	DAL-	PUERT	4	RST-	1	DNI-	SILP(SL)	2	TMC	0	None
MN	214	JJE2	205	JEB-	WV	88	QMA1	40	RST	D.REP	1	MS12	1	KSI	SON(SO)	8	JJE2	5	PDY
MS	78	KPU-	64	TMC-	WI	143	MS12	133	JEB-	BAHAM	1	FMO	1	FMO	TAB(TB)	2	TMC-	2	PDY
MO	175	QMD	143	FME1	WY	31	RST-	26	PDY-	COSTA	6	SW1	1	SW1	TAM(TN)	25	SW1	14	NHA
					DC	14	QMA	13	DBU						VEZ(VZ)	11	SW1	9	JPI
															TUC(TU)	4	SW1	3	MS12

ABOVE STA'S REPRESENT MOST NO. OF STATIONS FOR EACH POLITICAL UNIT (PU) LOGGED FROM A SINGLE SPECIFIED DXER'S LOCATION FIRST AND SECOND PLACE DXERS ARE LISTED ONLY OTHERS THAT ARE TIED FOR SECOND ARE NOT LISTED **FJM

INIT	DXER NAME	DXER LOCATION	COORDINATES	INIT	DXER NAME	DXER LOCATION	COORDINATES
DAL	DOUGLASS ALLEN	CO WOODLAND PAR	39 0 109 3	FME1	FRANK MERRILL	IL MACOMB	40 21 90 40
TBR	TODD BRANDENBURG	KS SILVER LAKE	39 6 95 52	FME	FRANK MERRILL	MI MILAM	42 5 83 40
BRR	RUEBS BROWN	W. ST JOSEPH	42 6 86 29	AM	ALAN WILKINER	IL CENTRALIA	38 31 89 8
DBR	DAVID BRUMFIELD	IN MUNCIE	40 11 85 23	DNI1	DAVID J NIEHAN	NY ROCK CITY	42 1 78 32
MBU	MIKE BUGAJ	CT ENFIELD	41 50 72 36	DNI	DAVID J NIEHAN	NY AKRON	42 58 76 8
DBU	DANNY BUNTIN	OK STILLWATER	36 7 97 4	WMO	WILLIAM WHOLANAN	CT BOZRAH	41 20 72 36
GCO	GREG CONIGLIO	NY CLARENCE	42 59 78 41	FNO	FRED NORDQUIST	NY CLAY	43 8 76 8
PDY	PAT DYER	TX SAN ANTONIO	29 28 98 36	ODD	DAVID ODELL	MI LITTLE ROCK	43 16 96 15
JJE2	JOHN EBELING	MN PROSIT	47 0 92 37	DOE	DAN OETTING	PA BROOKHALL	39 59 75 22
JEB	JOHN EBE.FMG	MN BLOOMINGTON	44 50 95 19	JPI	JIM PIZZI	MI LOVINGTON	32 57 103 21
BELE	BRUCE ELVING	MN DULUTH	46 47 92 8	KPU	KEITH D PUGH	AL NEW HOPE	34 32 86 24
JFE	JOSEPH FELA	NJ S PLAINFIELD	40 35 74 25	SRE1	SHEL REMINGTON	HI KEAAU/FERN	19 27 155 10
WCHAL	W.CHAEL HAWK	NE LINCOLN	41 13 94 3	MS12	MATTHEW CSITTEL	FL TALLAHASSEE	30 29 84 18
WHEZ	WILLIAM RHEPBURN	MT HORLAPOR	44 8 85 10	MS11	MATTHEW CSITTEL	NC RALEIGH	35 47 78 39
JJE3	JOHN M JEFFERSON	AK ANCHORAGE	61 13 149 53	DSM1	DOUGLAS ESMITH	TN PLEASANT VIE	36 24 87 5
JJE2	JOHN M JEFFERSON	CA PLEASANTON	37 40 121 53	RSM	BOB SMOLAREK	NJ HIGH BRIDGE	40 40 74 54
GMA1	GUS MANCUSO	WV BIRCH RIVER	38 30 80 47	RST1	RICHARD STEINBERGER	MA HUDSON	42 24 71 35
QMA	GUS MANCUSO	ND CHEVERLY	38 58 76 55	RST	R L STOCK	NY AURORA	0 0 0 0
FMC	FRED MCCORMACK	ND DES LACS	48 17 101 25	SW1	STEVEN C WISSBLOOD	TX BROWNSVILLE	25 54 97 30
FMC2	FRED MCCORMACK	ND FARGO	46 52 96 48	JZO	JOHN ZONDIO	OK YUKON	35 30 97 45
TMC	TIMOTHY MCVEY	TN BOL VAR	35 16 88 59				



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Here's a reprint that goes back almost 46 years. Mt. Wilson still bristles with towers...but a lot of the call letters have changed. So has the cost of building a station! Get a load of the \$150,000 price tag for the construction of KNBH.

Mountain Top TV CITY

By
CHARLES D. PERLEE
RADIO & TELEVISION NEWS

California's Mt. Wilson, once famed as the home of the 100-inch telescope, is gaining an even wider reputation as a TV and FM transmitter site for Hollywood stations.



SOUTHERN California's Mt. Wilson, long famed as the home of the 100-inch telescope, has lost some of its importance as an astronomical center with the installation of the 200-inch telescope at Palomar Mountain also in Southern California. However, Mt. Wilson, almost 6000 feet high and close to the Southwest's center of population—Los Angeles, Pasadena, Glendale, etc. is not playing second fiddle to Palomar even though Palomar is practically perfect for stargazing because of the clearer atmosphere.

With the advent of television, Mt. Wilson has become the world's largest center of video transmissions. Television programs originate in Hollywood but they are beamed to Mt. Wilson 18 miles away. By transmitting from Mt. Wilson it is estimated that the programs can reach 500 per cent more listeners than could be served if the programs were beamed directly from Hollywood. The Mt. Wilson transmitters, located 5000 feet higher than Hollywood, telecast Milton Berle and other TV favorites onto screens in homes up to 100 miles away. This means a potential audience of 6,000,000 in Hollywood's primary service area within the next decade.

As of October 1st the Los Angeles area's seven television stations were programming for an estimated 213,000 video screens in Los Angeles and its neighboring cities.

Although the major emphasis has been placed on television transmissions from Mt. Wilson other services are sharing this advantageous location. Both FM and mobile radio-telephone material is handled by these mountain top transmitters. At present there are six TV and several FM transmitters in operation at the "Mountain Top TV City" but 21 other sites have been leased or purchased, the FCC having approved a total of 27 licenses. Six other transmitters are now under construction at Mt. Wilson. In addition to the 27 licenses, 13 other television and/or FM broadcasters are jockeying for positions on this crowded mountain peak.

Earle C. Anthony, pioneer car dealer and long-time owner of station KFI, believes in the future of TV and FM broadcasting so wholeheartedly that he has purchased an entire mountain, Mt. Harvard, sister peak to Mt. Wilson, for his long range expansion program.

Mt. Wilson, once a quiet astronomical center and the goal of nature-loving hikers and motorists, is now a bustling "city." Buildings and antenna towers have sprung up all over the mountain top. Lumber, cement, and equipment laden trucks make a steady roaring parade along the 30-mile route of which famous Angeles Crest Highway is a part, from Los Angeles to Mt. Wilson.

The intricate "brains" of television

City are housed in the huge rock building of the Pacific Telephone and Telegraph Company. Through this headquarters goes the cable from all of the stations in Hollywood. The building also houses the "eye" for the new mobile telephone system. Transmissions from automobiles operating in the vicinity of Los Angeles are picked up by a station located at Griffith Park Hills. From this point the message is beamed to Mt. Wilson and then to Mt. San Jacinto the peak which overlooks Palm Springs, and from there to the home or office of the called party. Voices of motorists can now be heard exceptionally well on long distance calls and a decided improvement in transmission quality has been effected due to the high mountain beaming.

Mt. Wilson even with a Television City on top hasn't changed much. The score or more of new buildings are appropriate to the surroundings although the antenna towers, parabolic receivers, and radar-like transmitters do provide a startling contrast to the Ponderosa pines and big-cone spruces. The famous old Mt. Wilson Hotel, still looks as it did 30 years ago, while nearby the six telescopes and sun towers of the Carnegie Institute's Observatory are still the scene of stellar discoveries and daily computations. The hotel's A. C. Chicks gives his nightly astronomical lecture although he now extends his remarks to include the newer wonders of TV and FM.

The peak's herd of 30 mule deer hasn't been frightened away by this new invasion of their domain and they and seven species of birds and a large congregation of gray squirrels are still getting their free meals of ginger snaps, fruit, and peanuts from visitors. This is one place where wild animals still have complete faith in humans and so far their faith hasn't been misplaced.

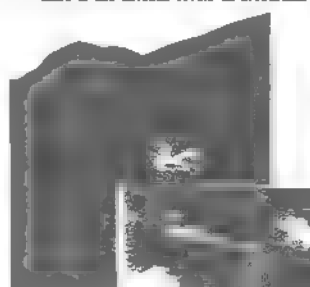
Mt. Wilson's human population is growing by leaps and bounds. There is often so much snow in this area that autos cannot traverse the slip-

pery precipitous roads. To eliminate this necessity, radio engineers and their families are now being housed right at the transmitter sites. It may be hard for Easterners to believe that Southern California can be the scene of devastating snowstorms but Mt. Wilson often receives as much as 30 inches of snow in a single storm. The TV people learned their lesson last winter when they didn't have engineers on duty 24 hours a day. A heavy storm hit the area, the snow piled up to over three feet, lightning struck and blew out the power system, and the

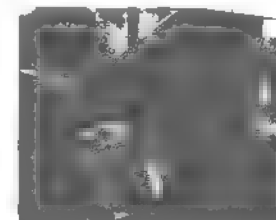
engineers were snowbound at the bottom of the mountain. Video screens and FM sets in hundreds of homes were blank while engineers were scrambling peakward with dogged snowshoes and skis. That situation won't arise again. Engineers now live right at the transmitters 24 hours a day.

Thus a new and specialized "city" is growing up, 6000 feet above sea level and within easy driving distance of Los Angeles and its tremendous television market potential.

Over-all view of "TV City." This concentration of transmitter means improved reception for set owners. A single antenna oriented in one direction covers all broadcasts.



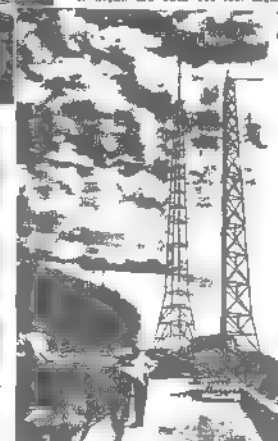
Mt. Wilson's "yesterday's set," children of resident radio engineers, pose beneath KTLA's giant parabolic TV receiving horn.



KTLA, NBC's Hollywood outlet shown during construction of Mt. Wilson. This \$150,000 station is now on the air daily.

Part of the telephone company's relay setup for mobile radio phone service. Manicures are relayed from Griffith Park Hills to Mt. Wilson, thence to Mt. San Jacinto.

Two of the antennas on Mt. Wilson. TV unit (left) and FM tower (right) are each 150 feet high.



WESTERN TV-DX

January 1996

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Is it TV or FM?

Your conductor likes to listen to classical music. At one time, in the not too distant past, we in the San Francisco Bay area had two classical music stations to listen to on AM, KKHI and KIBE. Now we have none! No problem, just tune in KKHI or KDRC on FM-if you've got an FM radio in your car or truck. I don't, and at least KKHI leaves a lot to be desired in the FM band. You see, they sold their AM station (and their AM & FM frequencies), and eventually showed up again in Marin county. Their AM signal was hardly detectable in the mid-peninsula and eventually they gave it up. They managed to get two adjacent FM channels, 101.7 and 101.9, one for a low power translator for San Francisco. Both are subject to dropouts when received in a car traveling through our hilly terrain.

During the first week in December, they announced that they had added 500,000 Watts of power for the southern peninsula, that they could now be heard on the second audio program (SAP) of San Francisco's TV channel 38, KCNS. Perhaps 500,000 Watts is stretching it, as the SAP doesn't get all the audio power. Nevertheless, the transmitter is on the TV tower (1443') and offers better coverage than the FM translator.

On my R-7100, the SAP appears 75 kHz above and below the main TV audio (619.75 MHz). (One hears both audio signals when tuned in this way.) Note that the station can and does transmit stereo sound as well as SAP. For the first audio program, FCC rules specify a deviation of ± 25 kHz for 100% modulation, but capability of deviation out to ± 40 kHz. I guess the SAP has ± 25 kHz as well.

The second channel audio is transmitted on a subcarrier, in this case it is 75 kHz. Tuning about, I see some TV stations have a subcarrier of 100 kHz, and some are rebroadcasting their main audio.

I found that we have one TV set that will receive SAP. It's the button labeled STR/L2, and L2 brings it in fine. I guess it's too much to hope for in the near future, but I'd like a receiver for my car (which doesn't even have an FM receiver) that would receive TV SAP. Do any of our readers know of a receiver for SAP for either TV or FM?

Not knowing any better, and being more interested in the propagation than in keeping records, I am reporting almost everything I receive (in the mail), including reception of just the video carrier frequency. Trouble is, it's hard to identify a station with the limited information there. (One can identify the vertical and horizontal repetition frequencies and direction of arrival, but that's about it.)

I would assume that for record, identification of a picture would be necessary. Perhaps I'm wrong, and an audio-only ID is sufficient. How about teletext reception (which is more difficult than either audio or video)? At any rate, the observation I have described is a reception of KCNS-38, a TV transmitter, even though the program material is that of KKHI.

Addendum: I was curious about what the local VHF stations were transmitting on SAP, if anything, and have compiled the following list:

Channel	Call	City	SAP (kHz)	Content
2+	KTVU	Oakland	80	Spanish
3+	KCRA	Sacramento	None	
4+	KRON	San Francisco	100	Duplicate
5+	KPIX	San Francisco	100	Duplicate
6+	KVIE	Sacramento	78	2nd program
7+	KGO	San Francisco	102	FAX
8+	KSBW	Salinas	None	
9+	KQED	San Francisco	None	
10+	KXTV	Sacramento	None	
11+	KNTV	San Jose	None	
12+	KHSL	Chicago	None	
13+	KOVR	Stockton	100	FAX

It is difficult to measure the exact offset with the R7100. The wide-band FM filter is too wide, and the narrow one too narrow. These measurements are probably within 2 kHz, however. Some of the other stations may have SAP (or SCA, second channel audio as it called on FM) at other times than when I listened.

I received a report from Anthony Mann in Perth, Australia with a lot of good DX, but no IDs. I have taken the liberty of aiding him (and the reader) by presenting my best guesses in { } as to where the stations could have been.

A Mann, Perth, Western Australia

Equipment

Icom-R7000, Mitsubishi DA-F10 analog FM tuner, Crossfire 3617A rotatable, horiz pol, 7 el FM Yagi fixed, east, vert pol

Note: 55.2X is from the north unless otherwise noted, bfo = signal level only audible with bfo on

October 1995

QST+8h

- 21 TE 1236 49 751 (China?), bfo 55 2500 A2, (Philippines?), bfo 55 2396 "echoey". (NSW Australia?)
1311 ditto
1330 bfo 49 75, bfo 55 2500 (2)
"raspy" bfo
55 2396 (Malaysia, Thailand?), bfo 48 2396 (Nakhon Ratchasima, Thailand?) & 48 2604
1337 55 2500 E3 (50Hz) (Bangkok, Thailand?)

(IPS occ SPE Sydney & Darwin, SF 81 A10)

November 1995

- 5 Es 1055 46 170, bfo 57 26 (Que Austr?)
1133 46 240, bfo 57 283 (Australia?)
6 Es 1830-1900 bfo 57 250 " "
7 Es 0743 57 250 & 62.75 strong " "
0940 ditto
10 Es 1900 57 250 " "
12 Es 1718 57 250 " "
26 Es 0817 46 17 strong, bfo 57 250 " "
0948 ditto & 51 67, bfo 46 240
bfo 46 250 " "
0951 103 71 rapid & deep fading carrier from east
1145 bfo 46 17 " "
1232 bfo 46 17, bfo 46 240, bfo 57 260 " "
1259 bfo 46 240, bfo 57 250 Asian comms 31 75 to 36 7
Es 1339 46 240, 50 1 ssb VK1RX & VK1BSC (ACT, Australia)
1359 EL bfo 45 2398 & 45 2604 (New Zealand)
1445 EL bfo 45 2605 & 45 2606, " 55 2400 east, bfo 46 17, (Austr) bfo 57 250, bfo 57 260
1545 EL bfo 45 2396 & 45 2604, (NZ) Asian comms 32-36 MHz
1550 EL 45 24, 45 25, 45 26 all bfo 2030 57 25 (Australia)
27 TE 1850 31 570 Asian comm (raspy tone) 36 045 am bc China
2000 bfo 49 7512, bfo 57 250, bfo 36 045 am bc China

There's been some more DX as far as NZ (MUF 55.25) to the east and some one-hop FM on the 28th of November.

Conditions seem to be improving

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Equipment

Mobie 1990 Radio Shack Realistic Pocketvision 23 LCD 2 1/4" color with 2' whip, 1994 Radio Shack 16-124 CRT 5" b&w with 3 1/2' whip
Residence: Early 1970s Sears 564 50010000 9" b&w with rabbit ears & bow-tie, approx 1975 Sony KV-1214 12" color with rabbit ears & bow-tie, occasional access to 1987 MGA-Mitsubishi CS-1344R 13" color with indoor 2-bay bow-tie-reflector

This report covers October and November 1995. One bit of news is the addition of a used Sony TV noted above, to my equipment collection. The only thing to report is the usual tropo to San Diego/Tijuana (175-200 miles), with the usual stations on channels 6-69. It has not been consistent but still often. An occasional cold front comes through, stirring up the air with the tropo disappearing, but in between fronts, the inversion layer returns along with the coastal tropo. The winter season has not really taken hold here yet. One such good evening, on November 23 at about 7:40 PM brought a new tentative logging of LPTV K3SDQ, University of California, San Diego (approx 175 miles). More station information has been sent to the TV News column.

Jeff Kruzka, 5024 S Braxton, Baton Rouge, LA 70817

November 1995

CST

- 26 tr 2221 WAFB 48 AL 400
MATL 36 GA 455
2231 unID 66 Note 1
2232 WVEU 69 GA 455
2240 WBSG 63 GA 490
2256 WABW 14 GA 420
2259 WDBN 18 AL 340
2327 WJWJ 16 SC 635 Note 2

December 1995

- 2 tr 0027 KLDG 27 TX 540 Note 3
KORot 28 TX

Notes

- unID color bars--3 city ID lower right?
- Wow! Wasn't expecting this--SC ETV color bars Antenna at ground level!
- Antenna installed in attic (finally) 20' AGL RG-11/U coax (new)

John Ebeling, 9209 Vincent Ave. So., Bloomington, MN 5543.

Had a little off-season Es up here in MN. On 11/21 had channel 3 from Hartford, CT (WFSB) with a very good pix from about 4:45 to 5:30 PM. Didn't write the call down & my reference material is up north at the cabin. Channel 21 in Duluth (KRBR) must have increased their power somewhat, as last week I was able to get a snowy pix for the first time ever at the cabin, which is only 26 miles away as the crow flies from Duluth. Again, I cannot be sure of the calls -- sorry. Was out in the San Francisco area in early November. Wife & I spent a week enjoying the scenery. Also visited friends in Morgan Hill. Had super weather during our visit.

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Equipment

Funai FC1300T TVCR with (cc) decoder
Co-tenant's antenna

November 1995				CST
19 tr	0326	KSNP	16 MO	174
		KYFC	50 MO	116
		K44DO	44 MO Oagee Beach KNLJ-25	
		KMCI	38 KS	
		KDNL	30 MO	109
		KODE	12 MO Note #1	175
0340		KMBC	9 MO	116
		WBSL	46 MO	102
		KCTV	5 MO	116
		unID	13 Note #2	

Notes

1. KMIZ-17 is carried on cable channel 12 here my co-tenant's set is hooked up to it, but my set receives the spillover from the line. KMIZ was off at this time.
2. KRCG was off. Could this be WIBW?
If you see KNLJ-25 airing cartoons on Saturday afternoon, you're not seeing things. Larry Rice is putting on ch. 25 every syndicated cartoon/kids show he can legally get his hands on, so the Saturday children's lineup goes from 6AM to 4PM, a full ten hours! (try saying that about any other TV station in the country!) KNLJ has picked up the kids' WB cartoons (but not the WB comedies), this apparently marks the end of full-power independent TV in the state of Missouri every channel in the state now has at least one network affiliation! (KNLC-24 is affiliated with the Fox Kids Network, since KTVI-Z was too stubborn to

take it! I recently saw KOZK-Z1 running what appeared to be a Muppet drama with all pigs in it but during 3-5AM very unusual

NOTE the area code is not a misprint as of January 8, the 573 area code will replace most of the area covered by 314, which will revert to the metro St. Louis region

Danny Oglethorpe, P.O. Box 6688, Shreveport, LA 71136-6688

Equipment

JC Penny (RCA) 19" TV, Zenith Systems 3 19" TV, Go-dstar GHV-1280M VCR w/RDX UA-75 UHF balun at input, Winegard PR-5040 VHF log at 18' AGL, Tandy RG-6QS, Channel Master 9510A rotor, Channel Master 4257 Quantum corner-yagi w/Winegard GA-4700 preamp at 28' AGL, Belden RG-6, Archerotor B

November 1995				UTC
18 tr	0432	WMAH	19 MS	319
	0445	WPMI	15 AL	355
		WMPV	21 AL	355
	0510	WXXV	25 MS	309
18 tr	1420	WHLT	22 MS	274
		WGNO	26 LA	274
		WNOLE	38 LA	
	1440	WEIQ	42 AL	355
	1445	WJTC	44 FL	
	1455	WLOX	13 MS	319
20 Es	0255	unID	2,4 Mexico	
	1528	WPBT	2 FL	939
24 Es	2235	WUNDT	2 NC	
25 Es	0325	WESH	2 FL	
	0340	WPBT	2 FL	939
	0345	WFOR	4 FL	939
		WFTV	5 FL	912
26 Es	0059	KTVQ	2 MT	1215
	0245	KWGN	2 CO	Note #1 806
	0248	KTWO	2 WY	926
	0315	KCWCT	4 WY	FBS
tr	0430	KZTV	10 TX	385
	0445	KERV	9 TA	513
	0450	KHAB	7 TA	503
26 tr	0730	KTEN	10 OR	234
	0755	KCEN	6 TX	229
27 tr	0130	KERV	9 TA	513
		KZTV	10 TX	385
	0140	KHAB	7 TA	503
	0145	KGBT	4 TX	491
		KGNS	8 TX	491
	0150	KRGV	5 TX	501
	0245	KTBC	7 TX	277
	0330	KWTC	10 TX	200

WesternTV DX (Danny Oglethorpe's report continues)

December 1995				UTC
1 tr	2340	KAPT	13 AR	254
2 tr	0002	KTUL	8 OK	289
	0030	unID	7	
	0110	KMTV	9 OK	303
	0130	KETAT	13 OK	
3 tr	1515	KCEN	6 TX	229
		KLRN	9 TX	347
		KMTX	10 TX	200
		KGNS	8 TX	481
		KTBC	7 TX	288
	1530	KMDL	4 TX	347
	1600	KENS	5 TX	347
	1615	KZTV	10 TX	385
4 tr	2325	KMTX	10 TX	200
Es	2330	KVAE	2 AZ	1045
	2350	KVVU	5 NV	1238
	2359	KUTV	2 UT	1160
5 Es	0001	KSGT	4 UT	ANC
5 tr	1355	KTBC	7 TX	288
5 tr	1450	KENS	5 TX	347
	1505	KMDL	4 TX	347
	1535	KLRN	9 TX	347
	1645	KGNS	8 TX	481
	1720	KMTX	10 TX	200
		KCEN	6 TX	229
	1810	KXBRT	11 TA	XXW

Note #1: IDed by my wife Sandra while I was away from the TV

November 1994 was a good month for TV-DX. November 1995 was probably better than this report indicates. I was away from the TV more than usual. Another problem was that I did not have a UHF antenna in operation throughout much of the month. The brand-new Archerotor B broke down after only a few rotations! After taking the new UHF set-up down to replace the rotor, it took a while before I put it back up.

Fernando Garcia has informed me that there is indeed a channel 4 in Puerto Vallarta. Thank you, Fernando.

ERIC BUENEMAN (N0UJH), 631 Coachway Lane, Hazelwood, MO 63042-1347 phone (314) 839-9751 (Internet: EBSDJDX@aol.com)

Equipment

Alaron 12-inch b&w television, Radio Shack VU-110 VHF/UHF/FM antenna with Archerotor at 33 feet above ground level

All times CST, all distances in miles/kilometers

December 14, 1995 (trop)

2322	WTVW	7	IN	Evansville ("Fox 7")	165/264
2323	K64DT	64	MO	St. Louis (back on w/ValueVision) 15/24	
2324	WEVV	44	IN	Evansville (now CBS)	165/264
2324	WDRB	41	KY	Louisville ("Fox 41")	250/400
2325	WBNS	40	IN	Indianapolis	240/384
2326	WLKY	32	KY	Louisville	250/400
2326	W26CX	26	IL	Salem (3ABN //K48DN)	75/120
2328	WCEE	13	IL	Mount Vernon (not yet Christian)	110/176
2332	WKFP	22	OH	Dayton 340/544	
2335	WCPN	49	IL	Springfield (//WCIA-3)	80/128
2335	WXIN	59	IN	Indianapolis (w/"Danny Bonaduce")	240/384
2337	WKOI	43	IN	Richmond	300/490
2340	WXIX	19	KY	Newport/Cincinnati, OH (w/"Danny")	325/520
2345	WEHT	25	IN	Evansville (now ABC)	165/264
2358	WCLJ	42	IN	Bloomington	210/336

The big three-way switch has occurred in Evansville, with WTVW-7, long the ABC affiliate, switching to the Fox network. Longstanding CBS affiliate WEHT-25 switched to the ABC network, and WEVV-44 picks up CBS. I noted WTVW, along with WXIX-19 and WXIN-59 carrying "The Danny Bonaduce Show", but wasn't noted on the local Fox affiliate, KTVI-2. WCEE-13 is scheduled to go to a Christian format soon, having noted them still carrying "Star Trek-The Next Generation". All of the Evansville stations (except WFIE-14) were noted with Grade B signals, along with 40 and 59 from Indianapolis, as well as 19 from metro Cincinnati. K64DT is now back on the air after being dark for several months, still with ValueVision. Signal still weaker than K18BT, K58DH, and, to a lesser extent, K62FG (who have been stronger as of late, since they switched to EWTN). Also noted K48DN now on with 3ABN, as Keith Smith noted before moving to Columbia, MO, but on a different antenna heading than the other St. Louis LPTVs. K48DN is almost as strong as the other St. Louis LPTVs. Barring further trop, thus endeth the logbook for 1995. Total now at 207.

Fernando Garcia, Apartado 30, Sue B. Cd. Guadalupe, N.L. 6718 MEXICO
Location 1800' ASL Time in CDT CST ph. (8) 360-3874
Sony 27EXR15 Screened CM Dash at 83 R.G. 1 JA900 amp
Sony KV-13TR27CM 1110 at 30 R.G. 6 Archer V-110 vertical at 20
CM & bay UHF array at 30' with R. Shack amp
No tropo re-logs under 700 miles or logged previous 24 hr

September 1995 CDT-1-MDT

27 tr 0600 K40DX 40 TX 460 Abilene Telemundo
0700 K4DY 6 TX 411 Local out
28 tr 0630 KTLK 43 OK 705 KTBO 14 OK 705
29 tr 0100 WMPV 21 AL 839 WKMAH 19 MS 771
\$ WUPL 54 LA 705 WPAH 53 FL 870
\$ WPAH 53 FL 870 WPAH 53 FL 870
0115 WMAW 14 MS 802 0130 @ WHDB 40 MS 749
WHSB 63 GA 119 WHDB 40 MS 749
0145 WTXL 27 FL 0229 @ WTCW 40 FL 1029
WBWG 42 AL 9631 0200 WMTG 41 GA 1116
WPGA 58 GA 1100 0215 WFGX 35 FL 889
WATL 36 GA 1103 WGNX 46 GA 1103
WTIP 60 AL 998 0530 WJSP 28 GA 1037
0600 WGBG 30 MS 830 WEIQ 42 AL 823
WHQ 41 AL 873 0630 WFXL 31 GA 1066

After a disappointing report for August and most part of September, I got back into a 1100+ miles tropo DX.

30 tr 0630 KWHB 47 OK 764 KTFO 41 OK 764
0730 KCEB 27 MO 904745 KSPR 33 MO 907
0815 KOKI 23 OK 764 1000 KOKZ 31 MO 907

October 1995 CDT-1-MDT

4 tr 0445 KTBO 14 OK 705 KAUZ 6 TX 579
0500 KTLK 43 OK 705 KOKH 25 OK 702
05 KAS 24 KS 855 KWHB 47 OK 764
0545 KWTV 9 OK 702 0600 KETA 13 OK 703
0630 KTFO 41 OK 764
Es 1900 und ch 3 CUBA 11915 \$ WESH 2 FL 1178
1930 \$ WEDU 3 FL 1116 "OPAL" hurricane DX
1 tr 0615 WUPL 54 LA 705 0700 XHCH 11 YL 780
7 tr 0715 XHCH 11 YL 780
8 tr 200 WMPV 2 AL 839 rare time
9 tr 0500 KWTX 10 TX 438 audio over local
\$ WXXV 25 MS 761 WPMI 15 AL 836
0515 \$ WKMAH 19 MS 771 WUPL 54 LA 705
0530 WPAH 53 FL 870 WHDB 40 MS 749
WMPN 29 MS 743 0700 WEIQ 42 AL 823
1900 KARD 14 LA 653 WKMAH 14 MS 802
1915 WAPT 16 MS 749
10 tr 0545 WDBD 40 MS 749 0600 WMPN 29 MS 743
WUPL 54 LA 705 900 WJSP 28 GA 1037
\$ WGBG 30 MS 830 \$ WTTT 21 AL 970
\$ WBWG 42 AL 963 1915 WVEU 69 GA 1100
WTIP 60 AL 998 \$ WATL 36 GA 1103
WGNX 46 GA 1103 \$ WHQ 41 AL 873
1930 und ch 49 TBN
\$ WHNT 19 AL 1029 1945 \$ WAPT 16 MS 749
2000 \$ WEMT 39 TN 1228 "You are locked to FOX 39 WEMT"
2030 WHSG 63 GA 1119 WMDN 24 MS 833
2045 WTLK 14 GA 1103 WYTM 13 AL 970
2100 WTKO 11 MS 833

Strong tropo signals from North Alabama-Atlanta, a big surprise was the catch of WEMT 39 from eastern Tennessee. I'm close to get tropo from Kentucky, Virginia and North Carolina (most wanted states via tropo).

11 tr 0530 \$ WKMAH 19 MS 771 \$ WXXV 25 MS 761
0545 WDBD 40 MS 749 0600 WMPN 29 MS 743
WUPL 54 LA 705 \$ WHLT 22 MS 771
Birmingham 21, 42 & Atlanta 46, 69 again
12 tr 1900 XHBC 3 BN 1041 FM up to 90.7 MHz
18 tr 0600 WDBD 40 MS 749 0645 WGBG 30 MS 830
0730 KTXI 5 TX 558 TEXAS 4.70
0745 WAPT 16 MS 749
0930 K40CA 41 TX 611 Kress KPFA 19
K40CC 36 TX 611 Kress 19v
19 tr 0200 KTBO 14 OK 705 KWHB 47 OK 764
0600 KTLK 43 OK 705 0615 KOKH 25 OK 764
0630 K30 30 TX ANC new
0700 K40 40 TX Lubbock hbr
21 tr 0800 XHCH 11 YL 780 XHTP 9 YU 780
XHMEY 7 YU 780 Menda XHMT ?
und ch 3 XEW 2
Es 1730 El Salvador chs 2, 4, 1100
22 tr 0200 \$ WTTA 38 FL 1116 WBHS 50 FL 1116
WRBW 63 FL 1193 \$ WFTS 28 FL 1116
WUPL 54 LA 705 0230 \$ WWSB 40 FL 1106
0215 WTGL 52 FL 1200 0600 WACX 55 FL 1181
WMPN 29 MS 743 WDBD 40 MS 749

22 tr 0630 \$ WXXV 25 MS 761 0700 WPM 15 AL 836
WLOX 13 MS 758 0745 WAFT 16 MS 749
1945 WMPV 21 AL 839 WPAH 53 FL 870
2045 WHBR 33 FL 836 WEIQ 42 AL 823
2100 WNFT 47 FL 1178 2115 \$ WKMAH 19 MS 771
\$ WMAW 14 MS 802 2130 \$ WGBG 30 MS 830
WAWX 30 FL 1178 WJEB 59 FL 1178
2200 WTTK 11 MS 833 FOX ex ABC
2245 WMDN 24 MS 833 2315 \$ W52BF 51 AL 830
2330 WFXL 31 GA 1066
0200 \$ WPGA 58 GA 1100 @ WTCW 40 FL 1029
WHLA 27 FL 1029 0215 @ WJAE 14 LA 705
@ WHOA 32 AL 936 @ WTAT 24 SC 1330
@ WATL 36 GA 1103 @ WHSG 63 GA 1119
0230 \$ WGNX 46 GA 1103 WTCW 40 FL 1029
@ WPGX 28 FL 951 \$ WVEL 60 GA 1100
@ WMCF 45 AL 966 0245 ch 64 Home Shopping
WSTT 55 GA 1078 @ WLTX 38 GA 1035
und ch 25 TBN @ WUPL 54 LA 705
0300 \$ WXTX 54 GA 1035 0315 @ WATA 24 GA 1116
@ WWSX 66 AL 1023 und ch 39 Rel
WABM 68 AL 966 0330 @ WMTG 41 GA 1116
WDHN 18 AL 982 WFGX 35 FL 889
und ch 64 "Gold channel"
@ WRAZ 50 NC 1457 new tropo state, longest tropo
"GOTTA SEE THE Z"
0345 \$ WTTT 21 AL 970 WGOV 20 AL 954
\$ WCEB 27 MO 904745 WJSP 28 GA 1037
und ch 68 Rel 10400 \$ WFSB 36 FL 929
\$ WABW 14 GA 1047 \$ WBWG 42 AL 963
WACS 25 GA 1041 0415 WJWI 16 SC 271
WABA 14 SC 243 SC ETV
@ WAAQ 26 AL 960 @ WTIP 60 AL 998
@ WUNY 39 NC 1429 UNC TV WILMINGTON
0430 WSPA 12 AL 954 @ WGIQ 43 AL 985
WJSC 40 AL 0251 0445 WTTB 17 GA 1100
@ MS educ 14, 19, 29 700+ WMBB 13 FL 960
WDSI 61 TN 106 WJXA 11 NC 103
und ch 65 World Harvest TV
0445 WNCN 36 NC 1313 WUNG 58 NC 1335
und ch 53 "KCB-TV" Ment of Pensacola WPAH?
0515 WVTM 13 AL 970 0530 und ch 49 TBN
0545 W2BY 31 AL 220 Birmingham WTP-60
W55BM 55 GA 1102 Mennets TBN
0600 \$ WHQ 41 AL 873 WAFT 48 AL 1039
0615 WCFT 33 AL 923 \$ WLTX 19 SC 1299
und ch 52 Columbus? WRAZ 50 still in
0630 W27C 67 GA 1100 Atlanta Telemundo
0700 WFTB 50 TN 900 \$ WXXV 25 MS 761
WDBD 40 MS 749 0745 WPMI 15 AL 836
WAPT 16 MS 749 0800 WLAT 30 TN 895

With this super opening I got my longest tropo signals to date surpassing the 1400 miles and getting first time tropo from North Carolina (previous via Es). Many stations were running bars (Monday morning) making it easier to get IDs. It peaked around 5 AM getting WRAZ near snow free. I saw weather report with high pressure area on the Atlantic coast between North Carolina and South Carolina and a cold front reaching the area. Es 1900 WPBT 2 FL 1243 2000 WJXT 4 FL 1243

November 1995 CST

2 tr 0700 \$ K54 54 TX "TransGlobe LPTV test, channel 54"
Logged again on Nov 9, suspect located northwest of Laredo.
9 tr 0630 WUPL 54 LA 705 0700 WPAH 53 FL 870
0715 WXXV 25 MS 761
12 tr 0630 \$ WTMV 32 FL 1134 WWSB 40 FL 1106
WACX 55 FL 1181 0645 \$ WBBB 20 FL 1144
WRBW 63 FL 1193 \$ WFSB 36 FL 1144
WFTX 36 FL 1140 WNL 46 FL 1153
WEVU 26 FL 1153 0800 WRXY 49 FL 1140
WBHS 50 FL 1116 WINK 11 FL 1144
WTTA 38 FL 1116 0830 WTOG 44 FL 1116
2200 WFLA 8 FL 1116 WGGX 51 FL 1122
2330 WMPV 21 AL 839 07345 \$ WUPL 54 LA 705
\$ WKMAH 19 MS 771 WJAE 14 LA 705
WPMI 15 AL 836 WXXV 25 MS 761
13 tr 0000
DFW chs 27 and 39 are now in Stereo (\$), ch 39 SAP is the same as MAJN Houston KHTV 39 is ID as WB39
Houston KRIV 26 has Spanish translations on some programs on SAP
WTTA-38 has a talk programming on SAP
Compu Channel K40DB has change programming from Channel America to N- NET and now to VJN
\$ MTS-Stereo % Und Bars & Masc Test Patterns
@ ID Bars + S On

EASTERN TV-DX

Stephen West
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Virginia Beach, VA 23454

Deadline: 5th

A few reports from some of the diehard regulars indicates some tropo and some skip around for the dedicated DXers.

Jeff Wolf, 14302 Astrodome Drive, Silver Spring, MD 20906

October 1995 (from Drury Rd.) November 1995 (from new location)
24 tr 0112 WLIG-55 NY 4 gw 1757 UNID-15 3 4 CB

0159 WHAI-43 CT (t)
WLIW-21 NY (t)
0205 WBRE-28 PA
WBST-67 NY
0208 WTBV-54 NY
Comments: Not much DX here -
Locals are stronger at the new
QTH. Tropo from WBOC-16 MD,
WHRO-15 VA & WWBT-12 VA are common.

RICK SHAFMAN, 317 GREEN ROAD, SPARTA NJ 07871
201-726-8114.

ICOM R-7000 RECEIVER WITH VIDEO ADAPTER. GE VCR. PENNSYLVANIA
19" COLOR TV. JERRARD 19 ELEMENT VHF ANTENNA, CHANNEL MASTER
7" DISH. AERIALS 70' ANT. Winegard amps for FM and TV.
1000' ASL.

My first report with the ICOM ultimate DX machine. It's quite impressive. I've noted with an asterisk the Icom new ones from 8/6 that I can get all the time here.

Note, 34 Binghamton NY is off the air.

8/1 Tr.
1105 20 WUTR, Utica NY, ABC

8/2 Es
1857 2 CKPR, Thunder Bay ON TBT-Thunder Bay
Television.
1900 2 CHEFT, Kenora ON French

8/6 Tr. w/Icom
0913 21 WXXI, Rochester NY Separate from NY.
1001 64 WNAZ, Providence RI While pointing at WKBC
channel 63 two miles away.
1200 8 WMTW, Poland Spring ME "A look at the week in
Maine."

1318 33 WFTK, Burlington VT PBS
1851 66 WSHB, Marlborough MA HSC
1909 16 WNEP, Watertown NY PBS
1917 18 C1COTV74, Peterborough ON French
1930 29 WUTV, Buffalo NY
2020 40 WGGG, Springfield MA
2036 7 WWTW, Carthage NY CBS
2102 17 WNEB, Buffalo NY
2107 23 WNEQ, Buffalo NY
2110 27 C11127, Peterborough ON
2140 23 WATN, Altoona PA ABC. Also, 25/31
Hagerstown are regulars.
2231 48 W44---, 777777 PA Zero offset // 57 Philly,
towards Allentown.
2242 62 WFFP, Frederick MD
2359 23 WXXA, Albany NY Fox promo

8/7 Tr.
0011 25 CBLFT, Toronto ON Week
0021 54 W54---, 777777 PA -10khs offset to SW // 57
Philly.
1132 59 WTXV, New Haven CT. 6,8,10,12 Richmond area all
regulars.
2138 29 WVIA, Charlottesville VA NBC, a regular.

Rich Shafan (cont.)

8/7 tr

2200 47 WKBS, Altoona PA religion
2315 12 WRQY, Clarksburg NY Calls

8/8 Tr.

0100 19 WOIO, Shaker Heights OH CBS, nice ID later
for photo.

0130 6 WJAC, Johnstown PA

NBC

0140 6 CIIIIV, Paris ON

//27 Peterborough

0156 23 WAKC, Akron OH

Jenny Jones and ABC.

North Ohio News Hour.

0200 17 ????? Religion to NW, -10khs offset.

0251 25 ????? PBS, Cleveland? +10 offset.

2003 10 WSLB, Roanoke VA. ID

2106 36 WCNC, Charlotte NC NBC

2110 42 WTVL, Charlotte NC PBS

2120 27 WFXR, Roanoke VA Fox

2140 12 WKII, Winston-Salem NC

NBC

2148 7 WDBL, Roanoke VA CBS

2200 18 WCCB, Charlotte NC

8/11 TrS

1800 18 WNRI, Norwood NY

8/16 Felix Tr.

0645 15 WRDE, Florence SC

In for an hour

0656 5 WRAL, Raleigh NC

Carolina Calendar

0658 11 WTVB, Durham NC

Fayetteville ad

0811 48 WABW, Washington DC

//41 NY

0818 58 ?????, ?????

National Empowerment

Television to the NE

0820 64 W64BN, Washington DC

Telemundo

0830 65 WABW, Ashland VA

WB

0850 13 WBTB, Florence SC

CBS over Baltimore with

same on same offset. IDed at weather break.

0951 17 (WNCN), Goldsboro NC

=to Philly in strength.

1000 40 WKPT, Fayetteville NC

ID

8/23 Super Tr..

2210 45 WNEQ, Alliance OH

PBS

8/24 continued

0000 18 WHIZ, Saneville OH

NBC

0005 20 WYXI, Indianapolis IN

PBS

0010 26 WTUC, Springfield OH

HSC

0012 27 WBBN, Youngstown OH

CBS

0015 30 ????? PBS w/-10 offset. Maybe Bloomington IN?

0020 36 WGPT, Oakland MD

Charlie Rose

0022 33 WYTY, Youngstown OH

Rush

0028 46 ????? PBS w/zero offset. Lexington KY or

South Bend IN?

0030 50 ????? Infomercials to West. Zero offset. Gary

IN?

0040 53 WPGH, Pittsburgh PA

Fox promo

0042 25 WYIE, Cleveland OH

PBS Concert

0046 40 WBBN, Indianapolis IN

Religion

0050 12 WICU, Erie PA

On top

0054 18 WLPX, Lafayette IN

Local ads

0104 29 ?????, -10 khs. offset. Local ads. Maybe Kokomo

IN?

0105 8 WYH, Cleveland OH

ID

0110 35 WBBN, Erie PA

Snyder

0115 36 WUPH, Toledo OH

Not Elmira w/Psychic Hot Line.

0121 43 WUAB, Lorain OH

Star Trek over York.

0133 17 WDLI, Canton OH

TBN

0137 42 WCLL, Bloomington IN

TBN

0140 45 WRGT, Dayton OH Not Baltimore w/a Rocky film.

Rich Shafan (cont.)

8/24 Super tr

0213 33 WKJR, Fort Wayne IN local ad

0230 9 WTCV, Steubenville OH onscreen ID for photo.

0239 21 ?????, HSC, -10khs offset. Youngstown OH?

0249 55 WBNX, Akron OH HSC

8/28 Tr.

0031 35 CEXR, Montreal PQ

French

0044 22 WYNY, Burlington VT

Star Trek

9/1 Tr.

1218 51 WYPT, Staunton VA

PBS

9/30 Tr.

2052 8 WPCP, Johnstown PA Solid for photo

2100 11 WPXI, Pittsburgh PA over NY

2100 13 WOED, Pittsburgh PA Bill Moyers

2108 16 WOEX, Pittsburgh PA PBS

2218 15 ?????? PBS w/zero offset. Louisville?

10/1 Tr.

0029 6 CIIIIV, Paris ON NBC/HBO Showcase

0119 41 CIIIIV41, Toronto ON

0122 47 CFMTTV, Toronto ON

Japanese ad

0127 49 WJYF, Buffalo NY

TBN

0130 57 CITY, Toronto ON

Baseball

0224 40 WPCB, Greensboro PA

//47 Cornerstone

1248 9 CROFT, Ottawa ON

French o/NY

1250 4 ????? Religion o/NY, +10khs offset

1250 4 CROFT, Ottawa ON Country Canada on CBC

10/2 TrS

0200 9 WMUR, Manchester NH

Local shows, ID.

62 more new ones. Been busy with work through Oct. and early November. Let's see how the ICOM works for that early winter scatter.

Dave Nieman - Ho Sta Geh Road - Rock City New York 14749

Equipment: Teknika 6510 tuner into a RCA 19" b&w TV. Channel Master 3617B VHF antenna at 15 feet AGL on a Radio Shack rotor. Belden RG-6 coax feed into a Winegard FT-7500 FM trap (set to 95.7MHz) and Winegard DA-205 distribution amp. Antennacraft P-7 UHF antenna at 70 feet AGL on a Alliance HD-73 rotor. Winegard PA-4975 preamp and Belden RG-11/u coax feed.

All loggings are new.

October 1995

9 Tr 0830 W50BF PA 114
Sharon (WPCB-40)

November 1995

25 Tr 0758 WKMR-38 KY 371
0759 WTVQ-36 KY 416
0829 WPBO-42 OH 329
see note #2

October 1995

28 Tr 1600 W14?? PA ??
see note #1

NOTE:

- 1) Channel 14 seen Saturday the 28th afternoon with 'TBS' logo and programming that was time shifted Sunday morning running 'Nick at Nite'. The station location I would guess to be in Pennsylvania. Antenna heading is 150°. Signal is weak with some fading (at the top & bottom of the hour) but never a total fade out. About three weeks earlier I seen a channel 14 carrying WGRZ-2 Buffalo. Best reception was in the direction of WGRZ's tower (355°). This signal also faded in and out. Are both channel 14s nothing more than someone's wireless rabbit?
- 2) Channel 42 IDing as WOSU channel 34 Columbus. WPBO Portsmouth is listed as the only channel 42 in Ohio.

Some TV E-skip noted on November 16th and 21st. Fair morning and evening tropo enhancement through October and November with reception out to 400+ miles on occasions.

Dave

Eastern TV-DX January 1996
Doug Smith, 1385 Old Clarksville Pike, Pleasant View, TN 37146-8098

Equipment: Sears 19" color stereo TV; Archer VU-160 for VHF; RS corner-reflector for UHF, with CM-7475 preamp.

October 1995 DX

10 Tr 0811 New Orleans 20/26/32/38/49 (475) (note #1)
Jackson MS 16/29/40 (340)
0034 KNOE-8 LA (406)
0930 WJFB-66 TN (42) (note #2)

Note #1: WUPL-54 probably not seen. Sync bars were in but Huntsville was also up, it was probably WZDX.
Note #2: Lebanon local back on the air after about 3 years. Running Weather Channel with frequent supered IDs. In this same area, WNAB-58 is expected on sometime in November, as a WB affiliate. Their antenna is in place, and they've begun hiring staff.

Comments:

Not much to report, it's been FLAT!

Regarding some other reports in the November column..

In William Hepburn's report, about a tentative W17BE-NJ, this station is no longer listed. (nor is any other 17 in NJ) I wonder if it could be W17BM NYC? This LPTV has been sold, and I don't know what it's running these days.

In William Wyllie's report, the ATV-2 is probably CKCW-2 Moncton.

In Saul Chernos' report, the W61 Buffalo with music videos is W61CA.

In Dave Nieman's report, regarding the WNEP-16 translators in State College, I list channels 36 and 39 as having identical technical facilities! My best guess is their directional antennas beam in different directions to cover different parts of the city.

In Russell Miller's report, to my knowledge WFME-66 is not yet on. I wonder if he saw one of the LPTVs in your part of the country? Or WSHW with a religious program? I also find nothing that makes sense as a WJAR-10 translator on 14. (nor can I find any 14 relaying a 10, except in Idaho!)

William R. Hepburn, 35 Lockwood Rd, BRAMPTON, ON, CANADA L6Y 4T7

Equipment: Panasonic PC-29XF40R TV, JVC HR-D630U VCR & IC-R100 Scanner, CM VHF & UHF Yagis @ 47', 10 db RS VHF amp, 28 db Anteco UHF amp.

OCTOBER 1995 (EDT)

10 TR 0830 (WUJ)-62 MI 191
ex-WGPR
13 TR 0925 W50BE-50 OH 248
// WMFD-68
0928 W51BI-51 OH 163
Kirtland-Cleveland
(WDLI-17)
21 MS 0802 unid-2 u/WGRZ
23 TR 0814 WWUP-10 MI 269
Sault Ste Marie
"TV 9 & 10"

NOVEMBER 1995 (EST)

21 ES 1248 KETS-2 AR 919
1259 KARK-4 AR 914
1300 WSIL-3 IL 833
Harrisburg-Marion-
Carbondale
29 ES 1235 unid-2 (via tape)

Comments: My first ES with my new outdoor antenna setup. Signal strengths almost exactly equal to my simple attic dipoles..but of course there was less co-channel QRM & CCI because of the yagi's directional properties. Channels 3 & 6 will especially benefit with the yagi (local ch 5 as well I guess). Also, for some reason, the signals from a 2300 bearing were actually strongest at a 2600 bearing. Perhaps this has to do with how the signals are being reflected off the ES cloud (geometry, angles of incidence, etc).

NORTHERN FM-DX

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JANUARY 1996 DEADLINE: The 5th LOG CUTOFF: 3 months from postmark

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

DAVE NIEMAN - HO STA GEH ROAD - ROCK CITY NEW YORK 14749

Equipment: Carver TX-11 tuner, IF filter modified. Channel Master model 4408 (Stereo Probe 9) at 77 feet AGL on a Alliance HD-73 rotor. Winegard FT-7600 variable FM trap for 95.7MHz, Belden RG-11/u coax feed. All loggings are new.

OCTOBER 1995

14 troposcatter
1255 WMMB 103.7 VA Richmond, ID+B-103.7, m# 314
NOVEMBER 1995 DX
5 traps
1005 WEXC 107.1 PA Greenville, Id rx m# 109
19 traps
1355 WDOE 102.5 PA Pittsburgh, 102.5 DVE, op# 132
over WMJQ Buffalo

NOVEMBER 1995 DX

25 traps
0447 WJIK 90.1 NY Binghamton, call, grm, 129
WPSB Kane PA off for the night
0500 WVMN 90.1 OH Ashtabula, ID, gm 119
in WCRF 103.3 family of stations

Winter has come to the hills of south western New York. The White Tail Deer and wild Turkey have moved down to the sheltered valleys and the Black Bear are hibernating. With daily high temperatures hovering around freezing and overnight lows of 10° or lower, we won't see the grass until mid April. Snow cover as of November 25th is at two foot and climbing. Despite all the negative signs, the FM band is still proving to be active. On November 19th I had some very good topo enhancement to the Pittsburgh area but only one new logging out of it.

I'm not so sure on the calls for 90.1 Ashtabula Ohio; the signal was excellent, I just wasn't paying attention.

Dave

MICHAEL LA ROQUE - 38 STEED CRESCENT - DARTMOUTH NOVA SCOTIA B2V 1L8

Equipment: Onkyo FM Stereo Tuner T-9090 II, Magnum Dynalab 205 FM amplifier + Stereo Probe 9 FM yagi antenna at 20', Radio Shack Rotor

SEPTEMBER 1995 DX

15 Tr
2115 WMED 89.7 ME Calais, c 192
2140 WMEM 106.1 ME Presque Isle, c 267
2138 WBPW 96.9 ME Presque Isle, k 267
2149 CIBM 107.1 PQ Rivière du Loup, d 360
2200 CKLE 92.9 NB Bathurst, dance 235
2201 CKLQ 93.1 PEI Charlottetown, k 115
2300 WAVX 106.9 ME Thomaston, c 290
2320 unID 99.1 commercials

16 Tr

0200 CBIC 107.1 NS Cheticamp, c 180
0200 CBD 91.3 NB St. John, c 135
0202 CKRO 97.1 NB Inkerman, FF 215

17 Super Tr

0130 WMMQ 103.3 ME Rockland 287
0131 WAVX 106.9 ME Thomaston 290
0244 CBAF9 107.3 NS Yarmouth 142
0254 CJLS 96.3 NS Barrington 128
0301 CBGA 89.3 PQ Gaspé 300
0305 WMED 89.7 ME Calais 192
0325 CIEU 94.9 PQ Carleton

SEPTEMBER 1995 DX

17 Tr cont.
1338 WEZO 92.9 ME Bangor 267
1645 CBN 106.9 NF St. John's, c 565
1646 CBAF 105.9 NF St. John's, FF 565
1646 CBNM 90.3 NF Marystown, c 433
2030 CKIX 99.1 NF St. John's, k 565
2133 CHOZ 94.7 NF St. John's, rock 565
2155 CIOZ 96.3 NF Marystown, rock 433
18 Tr
2225 CJLS 96.3 NS Barrington, mr 128
2226 CBHY 92.1 NS Yarmouth, c 142
2228 CBAF 107.3 NS Yarmouth, FF 142
2310 CBGA 89.3 PQ Gaspé, FF 300
2328 WMED 89.7 ME Calais, ME Public R.
2330 WMEA 90.1 ME Portland 347
2348 WMEH 90.9 ME Bangor 267

WRIQ 101.7
FM Stereo

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Mike LaRoque's report continued ...

SEPTEMBER 1995 DX

20 Tr. with NF in again!

0740	CJLS1	93.5	NS	New Tuskett	135
0754	WBLM	102.9	ME	Portland, hard rock	347
0759	CKDY	103.3	NS	Weymouth	127
0803	WERU	88.9	ME	Blue Hill	257
0814	WEZQ	92.9	ME	Bangor, b	267
0815	CKLE	92.9	NB	Bathurst, FF	235
0817	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	247
0828	WSYY	94.9	ME	Millinocket	260
0830	WAVX	106.9	ME	Thomaston, c	290
2101	CBN	106.9	NF	St. John's, c	565
2101	CBAF	105.9	NF	St. John's, FF	565
2107	CHOZ	94.7	NF	St. John's, rock	433
2110	CBNM	90.3	NF	Marystown, c	565
2207	CKIX	99.1	NF	St. John's k	565

21 Tr.

2312	CIEU	94.9	PQ	Carleton, FF	280
2313	CKLE	92.9	NB	Bathurst, FF	235

22 Super Tr

0014	WMED	89.7	ME	Calais, c	192
0015	WMEA	90.1	ME	Portland, c	347
0016	WMEH	90.9	ME	Bangor, c	267
0033	CBGA	89.3	PQ	Gaspé, FF	300
0046	CBHY	92.1	NS	Yarmouth, c	142
0053	unID	93.7		CBC English?	
0056	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	247
0100	WCME	96.7	ME	Boothbay Harbor, k	308
0102	WAVX	106.9	ME	Thomaston	290
0108	WBLM	102.9	ME	Portland, p	347
0119	WZPK	103.7	NH	Berlin	387
0141	WYOU	97.1	ME	Bangor, k	267
0146	WCYI	93.9	ME	Lewiston, p, ex WXGL	335
0152	WMDI	107.7	ME	Bar Harbor, o	232
0206	WLKE	99.1	ME	Bar Harbor, k	232
0208	CBAF9	107.3	NS	Yarmouth, FF	147
0208	CLOS	98.5	NF	Stephenville	360
1936	CBVM	95.3	PQ	Cap-aux-Mueles, FF	203
2000	CBAP	100.3	NS	Shelburne	107

25 Tr.

2301	WERU	88.9	ME	Blue Hill, j	257
2304	WQDY	92.7	ME	Calais, m	192
2326	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	247
2332	CBAF	103.9	NS	Cheticamp (82 watts)	190

27 Tr.

0142	WQCB	106.5	ME	Brewer, k	266
0106	WEZQ	92.9	ME	Bangor, b	267
0204	WMEM	106.1	ME	Presque Isle, c	
0207	WHCF	88.5	ME	Bangor, g	267
0209	CBGA	89.3	PQ	Gaspé, FF	300
0210	WMEH	90.9	ME	Bangor, c	267
0210	CJLS1	93.5	NS	New Tuskett, m	130
2145	WQDY	92.7	ME	Calais, m	192
2158	WERU	88.9	ME	Blue Hill, j	257

30 Super Tr

0130	WBOS	92.9	MA	Brookline	407
0139	WCOS	97.9	ME	Portland	347
0142	WSSH	99.5	MA	Lowell	427
0201	WSNE	93.3	MA	Taunton	437
0204	WHJY	94.1	RI	Providence	452
0210	WXKS	107.9	MA	Medford	400

30 Super Tr cont.

0216	WAVX	106.9	ME	Thomaston	292
0224	WKLB	105.7	MA	Framingham	437
0234	WXTK	94.9	MA	W Yarmouth,	394
0239	WMDI	107.7	ME	Bar Harbor	245
0248	WAAF	107.3	MA	Worcester	457
0300	WWRX	103.7	RI	Westerly	475
0311	WBOQ	104.9	MA	Gloucester, c	392
0330	WQOD	106.1	MA	Hyannis	393
0335	WHCN	105.9	CT	Hartford, NEW STATE!	515
0340	WPLM	99.1	MA	Plymouth	407
0354	WMED	89.7	ME	Calais, c	192
0416	WMEA	90.1	ME	Portland, c	347
0416	WMEH	90.9	ME	Bangor, c	267
0420	WWLI	105.1	RI	Providence	452
0430	WXRJ	92.5	MA	Haverhill, The River	407
0435	WCYI	93.9	ME	Lewiston, ex: WXGL	337
0437	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	245
0439	WYOU	97.1	ME	Bangor, k	267
0444	WRGW	98.7	NH	Somerset, rm	390
0451	WGIR	101.1	NH	Manchester, Rock 101	417
0455	WWBB	101.5	RI	Providence	452
0458	WCRB	102.5	MA	Waltham, c	430
0505	WBUR	90.9	MA	Boston, j	407
0526	WQSS	102.5	ME	Camden, Coast 102.5	
0529	WQDS	103.3	MA	Boston, Oldies 103	407
0540	WWKX	106.3	RI	Woonsocket, Kix 106	462
0541	WHOB	106.3	NH	Nashua, B106.3	429
0546	WOCB	106.5	ME	Brewer, k	267
0547	WPKM	106.3	ME	Scarborough, c	352
0630	WQDY	92.7	ME	Calais, m	192
0644	WHQO	107.9	ME	Skowhegan, m	317
0654	WEGQ	93.7	MA	Lawrence, Eagle 93.7	412
0706	WDGE	99.7	RI	Wakefield, The Edge	459
0711	WKCG	101.3	ME	Augusta, k	327
0712	WVZD	102.9	ME	Dennysville	182
0717	WXLO	104.5	MA	Fitchburg	457
0742	WLKZ	104.9	NH	Wolboro, Oldies 105	397
0750	WRKI	95.1	CT	Brookfield	558
0803	WRTY	91.1	PA	Jackson Twp. j	650
0814	WCTK	98.1	MA	New Bedford, k	437
0822	WKZS	99.9	ME	Auburn, Kiss 100	342
0828	WBLM	102.9	ME	Portland	347
0827	WRIU	90.3	RI	Kingston	460
0830	WMLV	105.5	NY	Patterson, NEW STATE!	565
09??	WIHS	104.9	CT	Middletown, g (tent)	521
0936	WZMX	93.7	CT	Hartford	515
0942	WNYC	93.9	NY	New York	596
1014	WBMX	98.5	MA	Boston	407
1018	WBQQ	99.3	ME	Kennebunk W-Back	362
1032	WKCI	101.3	CT	Hamden, KC101	532
1034	WCBS	101.1	NY	New York	596
1041	WERE	107.9	CT	Westport, We Be 108	560
1046	WHOM	94.9	NH	Mt. Washington, m	387
1517	WFHN	107.1	MA	Fair Haven, Fun 107	434
1700	WGBH	89.7	MA	Boston,	407
1741	WERS	88.9	MA	Boston, j	407
1743	WERU	88.9	ME	Blue Hill, j	245
1808	CHOZ	94.7	NF	St. John's	565
1809	CBVM	95.3	PQ	Cap-aux-Mueles, FF	203
1813	WBOS	96.9	MA	Boston, k	407

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1821	WLKE	99.1	ME	Bar Harbor, k
2030	WZID	95.7	NH	Manchester
2050	CBAF17105.9	NF	St. John's	
2050	CBN	106.9	NF	St. John's
2129	WQDO	92.1	ME	Sanford
2139	WCYY	94.3	ME	Biddeford, ex. WSTG
2145	WCME	96.7	ME	Boothbay Harbor
2208	WZLX	100.7	MA	Boston, o
2224	WZEA	102.1	NH	Hampton
2256	WERZ	107.1	NH	Exeter
2300	WCLZ	98.9	ME	Brunswick
2306	WMSJ	91.9	ME	Harpeswell, g
2318	WBYA	101.7	ME	Searsport
2326	WBCN	104.1	MA	Boston
2344	WTHI	107.5	ME	Lewiston, k
???	WXBB	105.3	ME	Kittery, (Mike, this is your Arrow 105.3 unID-gc)

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1 Super Tr

0014	WQOL	95.3	ME	York Center	382
0201	WJYY	105.5	NH	Concord	417
0209	WMEM	106.1	ME	Presque Isle	260
0305	WJBR	98.1	VT	Rutland	487
1742	CKIX	99.1	NF	St. John's	565
1800	CBNM	90.3	NF	Marystown	433
1805	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	247
1805	WCOS	97.9	ME	Portland, m	347
1927	CIOZ	96.3	NF	Marystown	433

2 Tr.

2225	WAVX	106.9	ME	Thomaston, weak, c	267
2255	WEZQ	92.9	ME	Bangor, m	210
2256	CKLE	92.9	NB	Bathurst, FF	347
2257	WMEA	90.1	ME	Portland, c	267
2258	WMEH	90.9	ME	Bangor, c	267
2258	WMED	89.7	ME	Calais, c	192

5 Tr.

0222	C???	106.1	NS	Cheticamp, FF	
0246	WLKE	99.1	ME	Bar Harbor, k	247
0249	CJYC	98.9	NB	St. John	120
0250	CBI	105.1	NS	Sydney, CBC Stereo	190
0250	CBAF	95.9	NS	Sydney, FF	190
0251	CBA	95.5	NB	Moncton	120
0257	CKPE	94.9	NS	Sydney, k	190

14 Tr.

0120	WHQO	107.9	ME	Skowhegan, m weak	317
01??	WTOS	105.1	ME	Skowhegan, w/CBI	317
01??	CBI	105.1	NS	Sydney,	190

17 Tr.

2020	CIEU	94.9	PQ	Carleton, FF	280
2221	CKPE	94.9	NS	Sydney, k	190
2222	WSYY	94.9	ME	Millinocket	260

18 Tr & Au

1828	WMEA	90.1	ME	Portland	347
1831	WERU	88.9	ME	Blue Hill	257
1840	WHJY	94.1	RI	Providence,	452
1848	WRVO	89.9	NY	Oswego, NPR	657
1920	WQED	89.3	PA	Pittsburgh, c	875
1952	WKCG	101.3	ME	Augusta, k	317
2000	WVWBX	97.1	ME	Bangor, ex: WYOU	267
2012	WXKS	107.9	MA	Medford	400

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18 Tr/Au Cont.					
2026	WQDS	103.3	MA	Boston, o	407
2038	CBNM	90.3	NF	Marystown, c, weak	433
2041	CKLE	92.9	NB	Bathurst	210
2114	WBMX	98.5	MA	Boston	407
2122	WZLX	100.7	MA	Boston	407
2223	WCTK	98.1	MA	N Bedford, Kat k	437
2225	WQRC	99.9	MA	Barnstable, j	392
2303	WGBH	89.7	MA	Boston, j	407
2351	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	257
2358	WEZQ	92.9	ME	Bangor, m	267
2133	WWRX	103.7	RI	Westerly	475
2137	WWLI	105.1	RI	Providence	452
2151	WKSQ	94.5	ME	Ellsworth	247
2156	CKOI	96.9	PQ	Verdun FF (Au)	500
2159	WJFD	97.3	MA	New Bedford	437

19 Tr.

0022	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth, o	257
2320	WMDI	107.7	ME	Bar Harbor, o	247
2322	WBZN	107.3	ME	Old Town, ex: WUCM	267
2331	WBLM	102.9	ME	Portland, weak	347
2342	CBHY	92.1	NS	Yarmouth	147

20 Tr.

2028	CFIM	92.7	PQ	Cap-aux-Mueles, FF	207
2045	WWMJ	95.7	ME	Ellsworth	247
2112	CIBM	107.1	PQ	Rivière du Loup, FF	360
2122	CKLE	92.9	NB	Bathurst	210
2136	CJBR	89.5	PQ	Rivière du Loup, FF	360
2144	CJLS	96.3	NS	Barrington	140
2152	WTOS	105.1	ME	Skowhegan	317

21 Tr.

1430	CBAF	104.7	NS	Digby, FF	115
1432	CBZA	103.7	NB	Grand Manan, CBC	167
1839	WTOS	105.1	ME	Skowhegan	317
1910	unID	103.7		NHL hockey in FF	
1913	CIBM	107.1	PQ	Rivière-du-Loup // CKOI	
2029	WBWP	96.9	ME	Presque Isle, k	260
2030	CFIX	96.9	PQ	Chicoutimi, m	
	(relaying CITE, first		FM station from this area)		445
2130	WMEM	106.1	ME	Presque Isle,	347
2139	WMFA	90.1	ME	Portland v. weak	260

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28 Tr	
0245 WXR	92.5 MA Haverhill
0247 WMEA	90.1 ME Portland, NPR
0249 WMED	89.7 ME Calais, NPR
0300 WBQQ	99.3 ME Kennebunk, W-Bach
0310 WPKM	106.3 ME Scarborough, c
0316 WCYY	94.3 ME Biddeford
0325 WCYI	93.9 ME Lewiston
0332 WHOM	94.9 NH Mt. Washington, m.strong
0340 WQSS	102.5 ME Camden, Coast 102
0400 WHYR	95.9 ME Saco, dance
0410 WCSO	97.9 ME Portland
0417 WBLM	102.9 ME Portland
0431 WBCI	105.9 ME Bath, g
0432 WMCM	103.3 ME Rockland, k
0432 CKDY	103.3 NS Weymouth,
0436 WKCG	101.3 ME Augusta, k
0441 CBIC	107.1 NS Cheticamp, CBC
0442 WXS	107.9 MA Medford, dance
0444 WHQO	107.9 ME Skowhegan, m
0535 WCME	96.7 ME Boothbay Hbr, k
0544 WMEH	90.9 ME Bangor, NPR
0700 WAVX	106.9 ME Thomaston, c
2136 CIBM	107.1 PQ Rivières du Loup, FF



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5 Tr	
2143 CIBM	107.1 PQ Rivières du Loup, 360
2144 WMDI	107.7 ME Bar Harbor, o 247
2145 WMEM	106.1 ME Presque Isle, c 260
2146 CBAP	105.7 NB Aillardville, CBC FF 210
2150 WTOS	105.1 ME Skowhegan, rp 317
2200 WBPW	96.9 ME Presque Isle, k 260
9 Tr	
2030 WAVX	106.9 ME Thomaston
	"106.9 The Classical Wave"
2307 WERU	88.9 ME Blue Hill, jazz in & out
2308 CKLE	92.9 NB Bathurst, FF 230
11 Tr	
0530 CBI	105.1 NS Sydney, c, 190
0530 WTOS	105.1 ME Skowhegan, rp 317
0815 WMEM	106.1 ME Presque Isle, 260
2032 WMDI	107.7 ME Bar Harbor, o 247
2034 WWMJ	95.7 ME Ellsworth, o 245
12 Tr	
0234 WQCB	106.5 ME Brewer, k 266
0238 CKHJ	105.3 NB Fredericton, k 175
0553 WMEA	90.1 ME Portland 347
0554 WMED	89.7 ME Calais 192
14 Tr	
0404 WSYY	94.9 ME Millinocket, k 260
0405 WTOS	105.1 ME Skowhegan, rp 317
0409 WQCB	106.5 ME Brewer, k 266
2150 CBNM	90.3 NF Marystown, CBC c 433
2200 CBIC	107.1 NS Cheticamp, c 170
0049 CHOZ	94.7 NF St. John's, r 565
0130 CKIX	99.1 NF St. John's, k 565
0154 CBAF	105.9 NF St. John's, c 565
0157 CBN	106.9 NF St. John's, 565
0818 CKLE	92.9 NB Bathurst, FF 230
23 MS	
1940 WARX	106.9 MD Hagerstown, mentioned
	Howard Johnson Ramada Inn in Hagerstown

BOB SMOLAREK - 31 MARK DRIVE - HIGH BRIDGE, NEW JERSEY 08829

AUGUST 1995

29 Tr	
0700 WNDI	104.9 VA White Stone, m
0730 WFXK	104.3 NC Tarboro, r

SEPTEMBER 1995

30 Tr	
0920 WKMM	96.7 WV Kingwood, k
0928 WAMO	105.9 PA Pittsburgh, s, FINALLY!
0930 WDSY	107.9 PA Pittsburgh, k
1000 WQIL	107.1 PA Millintown, g
1010 WWD	97.7 PA Jersey Shore, o

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2 GW	
2300 WJCS	89.3 PA Allentown, g
22 GW	
2200 W22-AV	92.7 PA Allentown, c, relaying WFFM
	89.1 (who else?)



"Gentlemen, it's been a busy DX Year, but we're down considerably from 1994."

MODIFYING THE CM 7' DISH- MAKING A GOOD ANTENNA GREAT

by Neil Kazaross

I have spent considerable time during the last year comparing various UHF antennas, including a 3 element array of 8 bays. My results have shown that a 7 ft dish is the best commercially available UHF DX antenna. My personal comparisons have shown that the Channel Master 7 ft dish (CM7) is somewhat superior to the Antennacraft dish P7. I feel that this may be due to my problems getting the P7 into a dishlike shape, the CM7 has greater rigidity and is in a nice parabolic shape. However, I noted that the front to back ratio of the stock CM7 is somewhat less than the f/b of the stock P7 presumably due to the wider spacing of the wider CM7 reflector elements. This leads us to the first modification.

SCREENING YOUR DISH TO IMPROVE FRONT TO BACK RATIO

A few DXers have been screening their dishes over the years and have noticed dramatic improvements in front to back ratio because the screening allows much less signal to pass through the back of the dish. These DXers have usually used 1/2 or even 1/4 inch hardware cloth and one guy used window screen. While these work great electrically, they greatly add to the wind loading of the antenna, and also when heavy wet snow or ice hits the entire surface can ice up and become impervious to the wind and not only can heavy winds in a winter storm bend your mast and destroy your antenna they can bring your tower down! I decided to try to use lighter weight screening material with a wider spacing and much less wind resistance. Ordinary 1 inch hexagonal mesh chicken wire provides the ideal solution! Two years ago I screened my P7 with chicken wire and noted a clear improvement in front to back and less trouble from my Chicago pest of the back end. Then I put 1/2" hardware cloth over the chicken wire and noticed little change except in weight and wind resistance. I also added chicken wire to the CM7 and again f/b improved. On both antennas I think forward gain and beamwidth improved very slightly but the f/b improvements are a big help in today's crowded band during a good trop opening. When I used to work as an antenna design engineer, our rule of thumb for screening was that .05 wavelengths mesh spacing was as good as a solid material. Well the wavelength at 600 Mhz is about 20 inches so 1 inch spacing is .05 and I noticed no degradation at channel 69 (806 MHz). So take it from me, chicken wire screen your dish. It is easy, cheap, and won't increase wind resistance that much.

EXTENDING THE PARABOLA TO IMPROVE FRONT TO SIDE RATIO

The last modification to clearly improve the CM7 is to extend the parabola out further. This has the dual benefits of making a somewhat larger reflective surface (i.e. bigger dish) and blocking some of the RF that hits the feed elements from the side. While I was at the Lake Placid convention, broadcast engineer Joe Gragg told me of this mod. First of all I made a few measurements to try to guesstimate what the equation of the parabola to form the CM7 is and came up with:

$$y = (x^2 + 9.5)$$

So to extend the parabola you need to use a sturdy material. I used fence material with a 2 inch vertical by 4 inch horizontal mesh and 4 ft height. On each side of the dish I attached a 4 ft high section of the fence material along the thick vertical rib of the CM7 on that side. Then I did a lot of bending to get it into a shape which extends the parabola per the calculated dimensions. In order to bend it into proper shape you will need to make a deep cut about half between the top and bottom of the dish of both sides to facilitate bending the straight material into a parabolic shape. Once this is done and attached to the dish with heavy duty cable ties you can fit in more pieces of fence mesh to complete the dish. My result was that the 7 ft dish was transformed into a 9 ft deep dish. The sides of the deep dish almost go out as far as the 2 bay feed of the CM7. My results show a clear reduction of signals from the side with this modification and a slight maybe 1 dB to 1.5 dB improvement in gain, and beamwidth is improved slightly. Now I can watch 18 in Davenport with considerably less QRM from Milwaukee of the side. In a recent trop opening I was able to cleanly separate Ontario 53 from Michigan 53 due to the narrow beamwidth, and similar other results are obtained across the band. The 9 ft deep dish is the best UHF antenna I have ever used. Beware the 9 ft antenna does weigh more than the 7 ft dish and I doubt you could keep it up on a roof mount, but with a good tower/rotor it should be no problem. As a final improvement I plan to extend about 3 ft at the center of both sides out slightly past the feed element to try to block more signals from the side. I did not chicken wire screen the 2 by 4 inch added mesh, but that might possibly help a bit more. The 9 ft deep dish follows the antenna engineering practice of reducing the edge taper of a dish to reduce side lobes and this 9 ft dish won't have as much gain as a 9 ft scaled exact model of the 7 ft dish would have, but it has a more DX usable pattern in my opinion. Good luck modifying your dish and if you are mechanically competent, you just might come up with better ways to do it.

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